

## **CULTURAL COMMITTEE**

At a Special Meeting of the Cultural Committee held by video conference on Monday, 7 March 2022 at 9.37 a.m.

**Present:** Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillors Iain McLaren, Jonathan McColl and Brian Walker.

**Attending:** Amanda Graham, Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture and Facilities; Michelle Lynn, Assets Coordinator; Karen Shannon, Business Partner – Resources; Sarah Christie, Team Lead, Heritage and Arts; Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal Services; and Gabriella Gonda, Committee Officer.

### **Bailie Denis Agnew in the Chair**

#### **STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING**

The Chair advised that the meeting was being audio streamed and broadcast live to the internet.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in the item of business on the agenda.

#### **RECORDING OF VOTES**

The Council agreed that all votes taken during the meeting would be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

The Committee noted that no open forum questions had been submitted by members of the public.

## **CULTURAL CAPITAL FUND AND ASSOCIATED WORKS IN CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL**

The Assets Coordinator, the Team Lead, Heritage and Arts and the Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture and Facilities provided a verbal update on Cultural Capital Fund and Associated Works in Clydebank Town Hall.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) that West Dunbartonshire Council has invested a significant amount of time and money in developing our cultural assets and would want people to visit and enjoy all that our area has to offer. Those of us who live here know that West Dunbartonshire is a great place to visit, but all our investment and our wide range of tourist attractions are for nothing if people don't know what we have to offer. Information is available, but it's fragmented and difficult to find, with potential visitors having to look for specific attractions to find information; if you don't already know that a specific place exists, it's unlikely you will find information about it. Therefore, the remaining sum in the cultural capital fund would be earmarked to fund the development and implementation of a visit West Dunbartonshire website. The site would showcase all that we have to offer, promoting our publicly and privately owned attractions and places of interest. It would also for example, provide information and link to information on walking routes and public transport in the area and show where people can access toilet and changing facilities. Privately owned shops, leisure providers, hospitality venues, and anyone who adds to the amenity of the area would be able to advertise their services for a small fee. Any advertising fees set should be designed to fund the running costs for the website. The website would link to and promote sites such as "Euan's Guide", which provide information on accessibility of venues and attractions and those promoted on our website would be encouraged to contribute information to accessibility sites so that everyone, regardless of their needs, knows where they can visit and enjoy themselves in West Dunbartonshire. Officers would bring a report to the relevant committee of the next Council with proposals to deliver on this ambition; and
- (2) that any work that is required to be done to the Town Hall galleries and is within existing budget, can be carried out to enable officers to bring the Town Hall to a fit state.

The meeting closed at 9.55 a.m.