

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Cultural Committee held by Video Conferencing on Monday, 29 March 2021 10.10 a.m.

Present: Provost William Hendrie, Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillors Jonathan McColl and Brian Walker.

Attending: Malcolm Bennie, Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture & Facilities; Alan Douglas, Legal Manager; George Hawthorn, Manager of Democratic and Registration Services; Joe Reilly, Finance Business Partner and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Bailie Denis Agnew in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Cultural Committee held on 1 February 2021 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

OPEN FORUM

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

TOWN TWINNING AND 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLYDEBANK BLITZ - UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory & Regeneration providing an update on the 80th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz and in particular requesting consideration of recommendations arising from the meeting of the Member/Officer Working Group, which was held on 5 March 2021.

After discussion and having heard the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the update on the commemorative events which took place on 13 and 14 March 2021, as detailed in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.3 of the report;
- (2) to note the meeting which took place with Creative Scotland and await the outcome on the identification of suitable funding;
- (3) to approve the recommendations of the Member/Officer Working Group on the Clydebank Blitz (the Working Group), as follows:
 - (i) that the Royal Concert Hall was the Working Group's preferred venue to host the main concert in November given its superior size and acoustics compared to the Clydebank Town Hall, and that the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services and the Convener should meet with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra to explore this proposal further and report back to a future meeting of the Committee;
 - (ii) that the proposal to produce a CD or DVD of the music 'Clydebank 41' which the Council co-commissioned with the RSNO should be explored and a report brought back to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration; and
 - (iii) that the Committee agrees to purchase 250 hard copies of the e-book on the Clydebank Blitz, produced by Tom McKendrick at an estimated cost of £2500 and instructs the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services, in consultation with the Convener, to progress this matter once final costs of the book are known.

A DEDICATED MUSEUM ON CLYDEBANK'S HISTORY AND LEGACY

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Cultural Committee held on 25 November 2019 a verbal update was given by the Chief Officer – Citizens, Culture & Facilities in relation to this standing item of business.

Having heard the Chief Officer, the Committee agreed to note the current position and the terms of the verbal update given.

The meeting closed at 10.30 a.m.