

CULTURAL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP (Town Twinning)

Note of Meeting of the Cultural Committee Working Group (Town Twinning) held in the Civic Space, Council Offices, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 19 December 2018 at 12.00 p.m.

Present: Bailie Denis Agnew (Chair)
Provost William Hendrie
Councillor Karen Conaghan
Angela Wilson, Strategic Director – Transformation and Public Service Reform
George Hawthorn, Manager of Democratic and Registration Services
Amanda Graham, Communications, Town Hall and CEO Manager
Craig Stewart, Committee Officer, Regulatory Services

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors John Millar and Brian Walker.

NOTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Note of Meeting of the Cultural Committee Working Groups (Town Twinning) held on 12 October 2018 was submitted for information and noted.

TOWN TWINNING UPDATE

A report was submitted by Strategic Lead – Regulatory providing an update on progress being made in relation to developing international links with potential partners. It was noted that this report had been considered by the Cultural Committee at its meeting on 26 November 2018.

After discussion and having heard the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services and the Strategic Director in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Working Group agreed:-

- (1) to note the update given by George Hawthorn concerning the position with regard to hearing back formally from the authorities in Gydnia, Poland and Donegal, Republic of Ireland in relation to the Cultural Committee's proposals to form friendship links with Gydnia and Letterkenny, before considering the next steps;
- (2) to note that no response had yet been received from the French Consulate;

- (3) to note the discussion points, a copy of which was circulated at the meeting, around a proposed event to celebrate the Council's European connections, which was scheduled to be held on Saturday, 2 March 2019 in the Clydebank Town Hall;
- (4) that in view of (2) and (3) above, the proposed event should focus on the new friendships with Poland and Ireland. The preferred date for the event would be Saturday 2nd March 2019 and would commence with a civic ceremony where the proposed friendship agreements would be signed by the appropriate dignitaries from Gdynia and Letterkenny, subject to their agreement. In the meantime, contact will be made with the all three consulates to keep them informed of developments.
Action: George Hawthorn
- (5) that, with regard to the proposal to erect a commemorative plaque to mark the O.R.P. Piorun, Members of the Working Group would be invited to attend the Titan Crane site with regard to identifying a suitable location for the Piorun plaque to be positioned; and
Action: George Hawthorn
- (6) that, in view of (5) above, George Hawthorn would contact Members with regard to identifying a suitable date for the site visit, and a draft proposed wording for the plaque to be unveiled by the Provost at a civic event on 13 March 2019 would also be sent to Members for their comments.
Action: George Hawthorn

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting of the Working Group would be communicated to all Members of the Working Group in due course.

The meeting closed at 1.07 p.m.