

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Cultural Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Monday, 28 May 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Provost William Hendrie, Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillors Diane Docherty, John Millar and Brian Walker.

Attending: Angela Wilson, Strategic Director – Transformation and Public Service Reform; Malcolm Bennie, Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture and Communities; Ronnie Dinnie, Strategic Lead – Environment and Neighbourhood; Alan Douglas, Legal Manager; George Hawthorn, Manager of Democratic and Registration Services; Gill Graham, Libraries and Cultural Services Manager; Amanda Graham, Communications Co-ordinator and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Bailie Denis Agnew in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Bailie Agnew declared a non-financial interest in the item under the heading 'Scale of Charges – Clydebank Town Hall and 16 Church Street, Dumbarton' in view of his connection with St Margaret's Hospice.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Communications, Museums & Cultural Development Committee held on 13 September 2017 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.

SCALE OF CHARGES - CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL AND 16 CHURCH STREET, DUMBARTON

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture and Communities outlining a proposed scale of charges for Clydebank Town Hall and the Civic Space at 16 Church Street, Dumbarton.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture and Communities and the Communications Co-ordinator in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the new scale of charges as outlined at Appendix A and Appendix B to the report; and
- (2) to approve a new discount scheme for both buildings.

Councillor Millar, having failed to find a seconder for a proposed amendment, requested that his dissent be recorded in respect of this item.

ACQUISITION, DISPOSAL & COLLECTIONS DEVELOPMENT POLICY

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture and Communities seeking approval West Dunbartonshire Council's Acquisition, Disposal & Collections Development Policy.

Having heard the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture and Communities, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report and its appendix; and
- (2) to approve the Acquisition, Disposal & Collections Development Policy.

COMMUNICATIONS, CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES DELIVERY PLAN

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture and Communities presenting the year-end progress for 2017/18, and the 2018/19 Delivery Plan.

Having heard the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture and Communities, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the 2018/19 Delivery Plan; and
- (2) to note the progress made on delivery of the 2017/18 Plan.

TOWN TWINNING

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regulatory informing of current town twinning links and activity in West Dunbartonshire and seeking the Committee's views on whether these links should be developed.

After discussion and having heard the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to endorse the recommendation contained in the report that as a first step, officers be instructed to write to those towns identified by the Committee, i.e. Argenteuil, Beauvoisin, and Zabki Town and Gdansk, both in Poland, in order to establish if they want to reinstate or develop twinning links with West Dunbartonshire.

Councillor Millar, having failed to find a seconder for a proposed amendment, requested that his dissent be recorded in respect of this item.

CULTURAL CAPITAL PROJECT BOARD UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture and Communities providing an update on the progress of the Cultural Capital Programme Board and current projects being considered for delivery.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture and Communities and the Legal Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress of the Cultural Capital Project Board and the current projects being considered;
- (2) to note that officers would bring reports to a future Cultural Committee detailing full business cases for discussion for future planned investment projects together with detailed options appraisals; and
- (3) that a report be prepared for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee on the suggestion made of having a Member/Officer working group set up to look at certain of the current projects being considered for delivery.

EVENTS

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Environment & Neighbourhood providing an overview of existing events and requesting consideration of the potential to develop new small scale events across West Dunbartonshire.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead – Environment and Neighbourhood in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the recommendation in the report that this Committee explores the facilitation of a number of self-financing, small scale bespoke events through the creation of various Member/Officer working groups. Should there be a requirement for any expenditure that is currently not budgeted, a report would be brought to the appropriate Council meeting; and

(2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting closed at 11.10 a.m.