

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Cultural Committee held in the Council Chamber, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Monday, 25 November 2019 at 10.05 a.m.

Present: Provost William Hendrie, Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillor Karen Conaghan.

Attending: Angela Wilson, Strategic Director – Transformation & Public Service Reform; Malcolm Bennie, Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture, Communities & Facilities; Alan Douglas, Legal Manager; George Hawthorn, Manager of Democratic and Registration Services; Amanda Graham, Communications, Town Hall and CEO Manager; Sarah Christie, Team Lead – Arts & Heritage; Michelle Lynn, Assets Coordinator and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Brian Walker.

Bailie Denis Agnew in the Chair

VARIATION IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

Having heard Bailie Agnew, Chair, the Committee agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Bailie Agnew declared a non-financial interest in the item 'Business Case for Clydebank Town Hall Improvement Works' in respect of him, as former Provost, purchasing and gifting a memorial to Jane Rae, Suffragette, Singer Strike Leader and Councillor, which would be relocated to the new Clydebank Museum.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Cultural Committee held on 23 September 2019 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 UPDATE AND 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLYDEBANK BLITZ

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regulatory providing an update on progress being made in relation to the proposed visit to Letterkenny and recommending the formation of a Working Group on the 80th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz.

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 that the visit to Letterkenny to develop the Friendship Agreement would take place in early 2020;
- (2) to note that Bailie Agnew, Convener, and the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services would meet with Mr John Webster, Head of the Scotland Office in Ireland prior to the Letterkenny visit to discuss the Agreement and explore what support might be available; and
- (3) the establishment of a Working Group on the 80th Anniversary of Clydebank Blitz, comprising of all Members of the Cultural Committee, to discuss plans for the Anniversary in 2021.

PRESENTATION OF FOOTGOLF

A presentation of Footgolf was given by Mr Stewart Robertson at the meeting.

Following a question and answer session, Bailie Agnew thanked Mr Robertson for his interesting and informative presentation. After discussion and having heard the Legal Manager and Strategic Director, the Committee agreed that this matter would be taken forward by the appropriate officer and that a report would be considered at a future meeting of the Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS, CULTURE, COMMUNITIES & FACILITIES DELIVERY PLAN 2019/20: MID-YEAR PROGRESS

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture, Communities & Facilities setting out progress to date in delivery of the actions detailed within the Communications, Culture, Communities & Facilities (CCCCF) Delivery Plan 2019/20, these being the Clydebank Town Hall, Arts and Heritage, and Communications.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

A DEDICATED MUSEUM ON CLYDEBANK'S HISTORY AND LEGACY

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture, Communities & Facilities presenting for approval the proposal to create a new museum and visitor attraction for Clydebank in Clydebank Library.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, it was agreed:-

- (1) to note Museums Galleries Scotland's support for the project;
- (2) to approve the proposal to allocate up to £575,000 from the Cultural Capital Fund for this purpose;
- (3) to approve the proposal to leverage additional funding via applications to the Museums Galleries Scotland Museum Development Fund to support associated project activity;
- (4) to authorise the commencement of a procurement exercise (tender, direct award or a mini competition) for the appointment of a contractor to deliver the Goods/Works/Services required to deliver the project(s) detailed within the report;
- (5) that this item be a standing item of business on the agenda of this Committee, in order to give regular updates on progress, etc.; and
- (6) to note the contents of the report and terms of the discussion that had taken place in relation to this matter, including timescales.

CREATING A DESTINATION GALLERY SPACE IN DALMUIR

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture, Communities & Facilities presenting a proposal to progress developed designs to transform the existing gallery space in Dalmuir Library, with the aim of raising its profile and establishing a destination venue in the heart of Dalmuir.

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

- (1) to note the outcome of the scoping exercise undertaken to inform the future operation of the Backdoor Gallery in Dalmuir;
- (2) to approve the proposal to allocate a budget of up to £15,000 from the Cultural Capital Fund for this purpose;

- (3) to approve the proposal to relaunch the Backdoor Gallery as The Dalmuir Gallery;
- (4) that appropriate signage be investigated by officers, in order to enhance and highlight the location of the Gallery, off Dumbarton Road, Dalmuir; and
- (5) that a further report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee making recommendations on how the existing gallery space in Dalmuir Library could be transformed into a destination gallery.

RICHMOND STREET PREMISES

Having heard Bailie Agnew, Chair, it was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda and that a report in relation to this matter would now be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

BUSINESS CASE FOR CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT WORKS

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture, Communities & Facilities proposing significant improvement works within Clydebank Town Hall to maximise income and visitor opportunities.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead, Assets Coordinator and Legal Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to proceed with the Town Hall improvement works as outlined in this report;
- (2) that Option 2 (Hall Street) be approved with regard to the Town Hall entrance;
- (3) to approve an allocation of £1.408m from the Cultural Capital Fund for these purposes; and
- (4) that officers be authorised to enter into the appropriate tender processes for the improvement works.

The meeting closed at 11.50 a.m.