

## **CULTURAL COMMITTEE**

At a Meeting of the Cultural Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Monday, 25 February 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

**Present:** Provost William Hendrie, Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillors Karen Conaghan and Brian Walker.

**Attending:** Angela Wilson, Strategic Director – Transformation and Public Service Reform; Malcolm Bennie, Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture & Communities; Alan Douglas, Legal Manager; George Hawthorn, Manager of Democratic and Registration Services; 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 John Millar.

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

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

On behalf of the Chair, the Legal Manager advised that the meeting was being audio streamed and broadcast live to the internet and would be available for playback.

#### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Bailie Agnew declared a non-financial interest in the item under the heading 'Town Twinning Update' and advised that he would leave the meeting and that the Vice-Chair, Councillor Conaghan, would take over the Chair during consideration of this item.

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The following Minutes of Meetings of the Cultural Committee were submitted and approved as correct records:-

- (1) 26 November 2018 (Ordinary); and
- (2) 17 January 2019 (Special).

## **OPEN FORUM**

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

## **NOTE OF MEETING OF TOWN TWINNING WORKING GROUP**

The Note of Meeting of the Town Twinning Working Group held on 19 December 2018 was submitted for information. The Manager of Democratic and Registration Services was heard in response to Members' questions of the previous decisions of the Working Group and the current up-to-date position in regard to Town Twinning.

### **Councillor Karen Conaghan in the Chair**

As intimated earlier in the meeting, Bailie Agnew left the meeting at this point in the proceedings.

## **TOWN TWINNING UPDATE**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead - Regulatory providing an update on progress being made in relation to developing international links with potential partners.

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:-

- (1) to approve the arrangements in respect of the ceremony to reveal the commemorative plaque for the ORP Piorun, as detailed in paragraph 4.1 of the report;
- (2) to note the terms of the verbal update given by the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services in regard to Letterkenny and that, while an acknowledgement had been received, a formal response was presently awaited from the President of Gydnia; and
- (3) to note that the Convener and the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services would finalise arrangements with representatives from Donegal County Council for an signing ceremony to be held in the Clydebank Town Hall at a date convenient to both parties.

Note: Bailie Agnew rejoined the meeting and assumed the Chair at this point in the meeting.

## **ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY MUSEUM AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture & Communities presenting for approval the proposal to install a lift at Alexandria Library, create a museum celebrating Alexandria and the Vale of Leven's history and heritage, and fit out a new multi-use space for the benefit of the local community.

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 contents of the report, including the internal options appraisal undertaken regarding the use of space on the first floor of the Alexandria Library building;
- (2) to approve the proposal to install a lift to enable level access to the first floor of Alexandria Library;
- (3) to approve the proposal to create a permanent museum about the Vale of Leven in the Committee Room on the first floor of Alexandria Library;
- (4) to approve the proposal to create a multi-use space on the first-floor; and
- (5) to approve an allocation of £0.331m from the Cultural Capital Fund for these purposes.

## **A PERMANENT MUSEUM CELEBRATING CLYDEBANK'S HISTORY AND LEGACY**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture & Communities presenting proposals to progress concept designs for the creation of a permanent museum in the basement of Clydebanks Library.

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

- (1) to note the contents of the report;
- (2) to approve the proposal to allocate £15,000 from the Cultural Capital Fund for this purpose;
- (3) that officers should investigate the possibility of extending the floor area, which could include consideration on an extension/projection from the rear of the building, in order to increase gallery space; and
- (4) to agree that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Cultural Committee making further recommendations on progressing the installation of a permanent museum space in Clydebanks Heritage Centre.

## **FUTURE OPERATION OF THE BACKDOOR GALLERY IN DALMUIR**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture & Communities presenting a proposal to undertake a scoping exercise to inform the future operation of the Backdoor Gallery in Dalmuir, including branding and marketing.

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 contents of the report;
- (2) to approve the proposal to undertake the scoping exercise;
- (3) that officers investigate whether the entrance to the Backdoor Gallery could be repositioned, in order to make it easier for visitors to access the gallery and increase footfall; and
- (4) that recommendations for the next steps would be reported to a future meeting of the Cultural Committee.

The meeting closed at 10.50 a.m.