

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Cultural Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Monday, 17 September 2018 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 and Communities; Ronnie Dinnie, Strategic Lead – Environment and Neighbourhood; Alan Douglas, Legal Manager; George Hawthorn, Manager of Democratic and Registration Services and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor John Millar.

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 at this point in the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Cultural Committee held on 28 May 2018 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.

CULTURAL WORKING GROUPS

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture & Communities providing an update to the Committee on the opportunity to organise working groups.

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

- (1) that the following working groups be established:-
 - (a) Town Twinning;
 - (b) Events; and
 - (c) Town Hall;
- (2) that authority be delegated to the relevant Strategic Lead to ¹call Member/Officer working group(s), in consultation with the Convener, whenever an area of specific focus arose; and
- (3) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

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 existing and 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) that officers should continue to explore developing existing links with Argenteuil and Beauvoisin;
- (2) that officers would arrange to send a letter of intent to the Polish Consul General providing more information on the West Dunbartonshire area and history and seeking further information on the city of Gdynia as a potential city to form a friendship agreement with, as described in paragraph 4.2 of the report;
- (3) that the Council should enter into dialogue with the Irish Consul General with a view to exploring the possibilities of a friendship link with town in County Donegal area , potentially Letterkenny; and
- (4) that, in consultation with the Provost and the Convener, officers should explore the options of producing a plaque to commemorate the Polish warship 'Piorun', which docked at John Brown's shipyard in Clydebank for repairs during the Clydebank Blitz.

¹ As corrected at the meeting of the Cultural Committee held on 26 November 2018

MONTE CARLO RALLYE

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Environment & Neighbourhood seeking approval to host the start event for the 2019 Monte Carlo Rallye from Clydebank on Wednesday, 30 January 2019.

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

- (1) to note the content of the report; and
- (2) that the Council host the Monte Carlo Rallye in Clydebank on 30 January 2019 and that it be funded from within the Cultural Budget.

The meeting closed at 10.50 a.m.