

# Agenda



## Special Meeting of Cultural Committee

**Date:** Monday, 25 April 2022

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**Time:** 10:00

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**Format:** Video Conference

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Dear Member

Please attend a special meeting of the **Cultural Committee** as detailed above.

The Convener has directed that the powers contained in Section 43 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 will be used and the meeting held remotely.

The business is shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

**JOYCE WHITE**

Chief Executive

Distribution:-

Bailie Denis Agnew (Chair)  
Councillor Iain McLaren  
Councillor Jonathan McColl (Vice Chair)  
Councillor John Millar  
Councillor Brian Walker

Chief Executive  
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Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture and Facilities

Date of issue: 20 April 2022

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**CULTURAL COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, 25 APRIL 2022**

**AGENDA**

**1 STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING**

**2 APOLOGIES**

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are invited to declare if they have any interests in the item of business on this agenda and the reasons for such declarations.

**4 RECORDING OF VOTES**

The Committee is asked to agree that all votes taken during the meeting be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

**5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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Submit for approval as correct records, the following Minutes of Meetings of the Cultural Committee:-

- (a) Special meeting – 7 March 2022; and
- (b) Special meeting – 28 March 2022.

**6 CULTURAL CAPITAL FUND AND ASSOCIATED WORKS IN CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL**

A verbal update will be provided on the above.

**7 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLYDEBANK BLITZ – COMMEMORATION EVENTS**

A verbal update will be provided on the above.



## CULTURAL COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of the Cultural Committee held by video conference on Monday, 7 March 2022 at 9.37 a.m.

**Present:** Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillors Iain McLaren, Jonathan McColl and Brian Walker.

**Attending:** Amanda Graham, Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture and Facilities; Michelle Lynn, Assets Coordinator; Karen Shannon, Business Partner – Resources; Sarah Christie, Team Lead, Heritage and Arts; Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal Services; and Gabriella Gonda, Committee Officer.

**Bailie Denis Agnew in the Chair**

### STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING

The Chair advised that the meeting was being audio streamed and broadcast live to the internet.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in the item of business on the agenda.

### RECORDING OF VOTES

The Council agreed that all votes taken during the meeting would be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

### OPEN FORUM

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

## **CULTURAL CAPITAL FUND AND ASSOCIATED WORKS IN CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL**

The Assets Coordinator, the Team Lead, Heritage and Arts and the Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture and Facilities provided a verbal update on Cultural Capital Fund and Associated Works in Clydebank Town Hall.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) that West Dunbartonshire Council has invested a significant amount of time and money in developing our cultural assets and would want people to visit and enjoy all that our area has to offer. Those of us who live here know that West Dunbartonshire is a great place to visit, but all our investment and our wide range of tourist attractions are for nothing if people don't know what we have to offer. Information is available, but it's fragmented and difficult to find, with potential visitors having to look for specific attractions to find information; if you don't already know that a specific place exists, it's unlikely you will find information about it. Therefore, the remaining sum in the cultural capital fund would be earmarked to fund the development and implementation of a visit West Dunbartonshire website. The site would showcase all that we have to offer, promoting our publicly and privately owned attractions and places of interest. It would also for example, provide information and link to information on walking routes and public transport in the area and show where people can access toilet and changing facilities. Privately owned shops, leisure providers, hospitality venues, and anyone who adds to the amenity of the area would be able to advertise their services for a small fee. Any advertising fees set should be designed to fund the running costs for the website. The website would link to and promote sites such as "Euan's Guide", which provide information on accessibility of venues and attractions and those promoted on our website would be encouraged to contribute information to accessibility sites so that everyone, regardless of their needs, knows where they can visit and enjoy themselves in West Dunbartonshire. Officers would bring a report to the relevant committee of the next Council with proposals to deliver on this ambition; and
- (2) that any work that is required to be done to the Town Hall galleries and is within existing budget, can be carried out to enable officers to bring the Town Hall to a fit state.

The meeting closed at 9.55 a.m.

## CULTURAL COMMITTEE

At a Hybrid Meeting of the Cultural Committee held in the Civic Space, Council Offices, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Monday, 28 March 2022 at 10.01 a.m.

**Present:** Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillors Jonathan McColl and Iain McLaren.

**Attending:** Amanda Graham, Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture and Facilities; Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal Services; George Hawthorn, Manager of Democratic and Registration Services; Michelle Lynn, Assets Coordinator; Karen Shannon, Business Partner – Resources; and Ashley MacIntyre, Nicola Moorcroft and Gabriella Gonda, Committee Officers.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost William Hendrie and Councillor Brian Walker.

**Bailie Denis Agnew in the Chair**

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Bailie Denis Agnew declared an interest in Item 6 'Town Twinning and 80th Anniversary of Clydebank Blitz - Update', being a personal acquaintance of Tom McKendrick and intimated that he would remain in the meeting during consideration of the item and take part in the discussion.

### RECORDING OF VOTES

The Council agreed that all votes taken during the meeting would be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of Meetings of the Cultural Committee held on 17 January 2022 (Special); 24 January 2022 (Ordinary) and 18 February 2022 (Special) were submitted and approved as correct records, subject to the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 18 February 2022 - Item 6 'Denny Civic Theatre' part (2) '4.2 and 4.6 of the report' being amended to '4.2 to 4.6 of the report'.

## **OPEN FORUM**

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

### **TOWN TWINNING AND 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLYDEBANK BLITZ – UPDATE**

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration providing an update on Town Twinning and 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 the updated position in relation to town twinning and the events which had taken place to mark the 80th anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz, as outlined within the report;
- (2) that officers explore the options for hosting a permanent Clydebank Blitz exhibition and bring back a report on this to a future meeting of the Cultural Committee;
- (3) that Kirsty McKendrick would write a letter for a future meeting to be opened on the 100th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz and the letter to be framed and put on display in the Town Hall; and
- (4) that £2000 from the 2021/22 Cultural Budget would be earmarked for outstanding costs relating to the Clydebank Blitz and Letterkenny trip.

### **VERBAL UPDATE BY OFFICERS**

The Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture and Facilities and the Assets Coordinator provided verbal updates in relation to works in Clydebank Town Hall, Denny Civic Theatre, Clydebank Library, Dalmuir Gallery, Clydebank Library and Alexandria Library.

### **VALEDICTORY**

Councillor McColl led a vote of thanks to Bailie Agnew, this being his last meeting as Chair of the Cultural Committee. Councillor McColl thanked Bailie Agnew for his dedication and commitment to the Committee and to the Council.

In reply, Bailie Agnew thanked all members and officers for their hard work, commitment and professionalism.



The meeting closed at 10:33 a.m.

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