

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Cultural Committee held by Video Conferencing on Monday, 23 November 2020 at 10.05 a.m.

Present: Provost William Hendrie, Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillors Jonathan McColl and Brian Walker.

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; Joe Reilly, Finance Business Partner and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

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.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of Meetings of the Cultural Committee held on 27 January 2020 (Ordinary) and 5 October 2020 (Special) were submitted and approved as correct records.

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 Strategic Lead – Regulatory providing an update on progress being made in relation to the visit to Letterkenny and preparations for the 80th Anniversary of the Clydebanks Blitz.

After discussion 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 note that the planned visit to meet with the Mayor of Letterkenny was now unlikely to take place this financial year; and
- (2) to note that the Clydebank Property Company had given permission for a memorial to commemorate the 80th Anniversary to be located in Solidarity Plaza and that the contract had been awarded to Alex MacIntyre Memorials Ltd; and
- (3) to note the verbal update given in respect of the meeting with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO) on 20 November 2020; and
- (4) that the Convener be authorised to explore the possibility of involving some well known Scottish actors to participate in the event and report back to a future meeting of the Committee; and
- (5) that a meeting of the Blitz Working Group be held to consider the contingency plans and report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

A DEDICATED MUSEUM ON CLYDEBANK'S HISTORY AND LEGACY

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Cultural Committee held on 25 November 2019 a verbal update was given by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture, Communities & Facilities in relation to this standing item of business.

After discussion having heard the Strategic Lead, the Committee agreed to note the current position and terms of the verbal update given.

CULTURAL BUDGETS / EVENTS

It was noted that Bailie Agnew, Convener, had requested that this item be added for discussion and consideration at the meeting.

After discussion having heard the Strategic Lead, the Committee agreed to note that an Elected Members' Briefing Note would be issued to Members of the Committee, after the meeting, outlining the current position with regard to this matter.

COMMUNICATIONS, CULTURE, COMMUNITIES & FACILITIES DELIVERY PLAN 2019/20; COMMUNICATIONS & CULTURE YEAR END PROGRESS REPORT AND 2020/21 DELIVERY PLAN

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead - Communications, Culture, Communities & Facilities providing the final position against the 2019/20 Delivery Plan 2019 and presenting the 2020/21 Delivery Plan.

After discussion having heard the Strategic Lead in further explanation of the report, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress made on the delivery of the 2019/20 plan; and

- (2) to note the 2020/21 Delivery plan.

Note: Councillor Walker left the meeting at this point in the proceedings.

REDESIGN OF CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL EXHIBITION GALLERIES

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture, Communities & Facilities providing an update on the spatial redesign of the Clydebank Town Hall exhibition galleries, which formed a key part of the Town Hall renovation project.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of this report; and
- (2) to note that a further detailed report would be presented to a future meeting of the Committee on the developed design for the new gallery space.

REDESIGN OF DALMUIR GALLERY, DALMUIR LIBRARY

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture, Communities & Facilities providing an update on proposals to redesign the existing gallery space in Dalmuir Library.

After discussion 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 this report; and
- (2) to note that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee providing developed proposals for the gallery space and improved visitor experience.

WEEKEND OPENING OF CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture, Communities & Facilities responding to a request from the Cultural Committee to examine the possibility of restricting weekday opening of Clydebank Town Hall, and increase weekend opening including any potential revenue implications.

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 this report;

- (2) to note the current position, i.e. that the Town Hall remained closed following lockdown; and
- (3) not to progress with a change to the opening hours of the Town Hall at the current time.

The meeting closed at 11.00 a.m.

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