

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Cultural Committee held by video conferencing on Monday, 23 August 2021 at 10.04 a.m.

Present: Provost William Hendrie, Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillors Iain McLaren and Brian Walker.

Attending: Malcolm Bennie, Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture & Facilities; Alan Douglas, Legal Manager; George Hawthorn, Manager of Democratic and Registration Services; Nicole Gallacher, Digital Media & Communications Officer; Amanda Graham, Communications, Town Hall & CEO Office Manager; Michelle Lynn, Asset Coordinator; Joe Reilly, Finance Business Partner Karen Shannon, Section Head – Resources, and Christine McCaffary, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Bailie Denis Agnew in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Bailie Agnew declared an interest in Item 5 – Town Twinning and 80th Anniversary of Clydebank Blitz being an acquaintance of local artist, Tom McKendrick.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of Meetings of the Cultural Committee held on (a) 17 May 2021 (Ordinary); and (b) 19 July 2021 (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 THE CLYDEBANK BLITZ – UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory & Regeneration providing an update on Town Twinning and the 80th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz.

Having heard the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services in further explanation the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that the planned trip to meet of the Mayor of Letterkenny to discuss the friendship agreement was still scheduled to take place this financial year at a cost £500 from the Cultural Fund;
- (2) that officers consider the erection of signs at each end of the authority recognising the friendship agreement with Letterkenny;
- (2) to authorise the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services, in consultation with the Convener, to arrange a meeting with the Mayor of Gdynia to progress the friendship link and agree the way forward;
- (3) to note the progress being made in respect of the arrangements to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz; and
- (4) that officers discuss with Tom McKendrick the possibility of him recreating his Blitz Exhibition in the Garden Gallery at Clydebank Town Hall.

CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture & Facilities providing an update on the Clydebank Town Hall Redevelopment scope of works and seeking an uplift in the budget allocation to enable delivery against this expanded scope.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer –Citizen, Culture & Facilities in further explanation of the report, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) To note the update at 2.1 (bullet point 1) of the report;
- (2) not to approve the additional £204,636 from the Cultural Capital Fund at present;
- (3) that a report will come to a future Cultural Committee meeting examining options to move away from a commercially focussed venue;
- (4) not to accept the concept design for the new gallery café area as is currently proposed, but to proceed with an amended design of the booth area which will form a gallery space to house the Scottish Colourists display;

- (5) to the retention of the existing café counter area to facilitate self-service provision;
- (6) to retain the existing garden area subject to refurbishment; and
- (7) additionally to undertake necessary fire safety works.

REDESIGN OF DALMUIR

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture & Facilities proposing a series of improvement works to the existing gallery space within Dalmuir Library.

Having heard the Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture & Facilities in further explanation, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report;
- (2) to approve that funding of £541,000 from the Cultural Capital Fund be allocated for this purpose; and
- (3) that an report providing an update on Glencairn House, Dumbarton be submitted to future meetings of the Cultural Committee and Infrastructure, Regeneration & Economic Development Committee.

The meeting closed at 10.40 a.m.