

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of the Cultural Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Thursday, 17 January 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 and Communities; Alan Douglas, Legal Manager; George Hawthorn, Manager of Democratic and Registration Services; Amanda Graham, Communications, Town Hall and CEO Manager and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

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

Bailie Denis Agnew in the Chair

MINUTE OF SILENCE

Prior to commencing with the business of the meeting, Bailie Agnew asked the Committee to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Pawel Adamowicz, the Mayor of the Polish city of Gdansk, who was tragically murdered at a charity event on Sunday, 13 January 2019.

STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING

Bailie Agnew advised that the meeting was being audio streamed and broadcast live to the internet and would be available for playback.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

CATERING AT CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL

A verbal report was given by the Communications, Town Hall and CEO Manager on the current position with regard to catering at Clydebank Town Hall.

After discussion and having heard the Communications, Town Hall and CEO Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the current position with regard to the contract arrangements.

MONTE CARLO RALLY UPDATE

A verbal report was given by the Strategic Director on preparations and arrangements for the Monte Carlo Rally.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Director in answer to a Member's questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the discussion and that all actions were progressing as planned for the event on Wednesday, 30 January 2019 at 6.00 p.m.; and
- (2) that a written update would be provided to Members of the Committee, giving further information and details of the event planning and preparations.

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 note that, a site visit to establish a suitable location for the plaque to commemorate the Polish Warship, ORP Piorun, near to the Titan Crane site, would take place after this meeting;
- (2) that the wording for the plaque, to be unveiled by Provost Hendrie, be as follows:-

DEDICATED TO THE CREW OF THE POLISH SHIP
O.R.P. PIORUN
IN DEFENCE OF CLYDEBANK
DURING THE CLYDEBANK BLITZ
13 MARCH 1941

subject to identification of a suitable location, and to note that the Provost and Convener would liaise with relevant officers to finalise arrangements for the ceremony and civic reception;

- (3) that, in view of (2) above, it was considered that the plaque should be made in a material that was durable, and therefore it was the preferred option for the plaque to be made from bronze;
- (4) to note that responses had been received from both Letterkenny Municipal District and the City of Gdynia, the terms of which were made known at the meeting;
- (5) to note that the focus of the event to celebrate this Council's European connections would be on the proposed new friendships agreements with Letterkenny Municipal District and the City of Gdynia, subject to agreement and further discussion with both Consulates; and
- (6) subject to (5) above and in order to allow flexibility given the timescales involved, to delegate authority to relevant officers to finalise arrangements for the above event including meeting with representatives from Letterkenny and the City of Gdynia or their respective Consulates to agree the terms and arrangements for the signing of the proposed friendship agreements, in consultation with the Convener and the Provost.

The meeting closed at 10.34 a.m.