

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Cultural Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Monday, 26 November 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; 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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Bailie Agnew and Provost Hendrie declared a non-financial interest in the item under the heading 'Soldiers by Tom McKendrick – Acquisition Proposal' in view of their connection with Artist Tom McKendrick. Having taken legal advice, both Members advised that they would remain in the meeting and take part in the decision in respect of this matter.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Following discussion, the Minutes of Meeting of the Cultural Committee held on 17 September 2018 were submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to the undernoted correction:-

In regard to the Item under the heading 'Cultural Working Groups', Paragraph 2 be amended to read "that authority be delegated to the relevant Strategic Lead to call Member/Officer working group(s), in consultation with the Convener, whenever an area of specific focus arose".

OPEN FORUM

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

NOTE OF MEETING OF TOWN TWINNING WORKING GROUP

The Note of Meeting of the Town Twinning Working Group held on 12 October 2018 was submitted for information and noted.

NOTE OF MEETING OF EVENTS (MONTE CARLO RALLY)

The Note of Meeting of the Events (Monte Carlo Rally) Working Group held on 12 October 2018 was submitted and noted.

After discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that it would be helpful for a Members' Briefing Note to be produced, outlining the current position with regard to the event preparations and organisation; and
- (2) to note the possible requirement for a Special Meeting of the Committee to be called prior to the event taking place.

NOTE OF MEETING OF TOWN HALL WORKING GROUP

The Note of Meeting of the Town Hall Working Group held on 12 October 2018 was submitted for information and noted.

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 and the Strategic Director in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that, subject to the Clydebank Property Company Board's approval, a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Board providing details of a proposal to erect a plaque to commemorate the Polish Warship, ORP Piorun, near the Titan Crane site;

- (2) to await formal responses from the authorities in Gdynia, Poland and Donegal, Republic of Ireland in relation to the Committee's proposals to form friendship links with Gdynia and Letterkenny, before considering the next steps;
- (3) that the Council should host an event in the Clydebank Town Hall to celebrate its European connections and: (i) to request the Strategic Director – Transformation and Public Service Reform, to make the appropriate arrangements for the event in consultation with the Working Group; and (ii) that the event be funded from the Cultural budget but should not exceed £2,000; and
- (4) that, in view of (3) above, a meeting of the Working Group be held at 12 noon, or immediately following the conclusion of the Planning Committee, on Wednesday, 19 December 2018 which would consider arrangements and planning for the event in February/March 2019 in Clydebank Town Hall to celebrate its European connections, which could involve representation from the Polish, Irish and French consulates.

COMMUNICATIONS, CULTURE & COMMUNITIES DELIVERY PLAN 2018-19: MID-YEAR PROGRESS

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture & Communities setting out progress to date in delivery of the actions detailed within the Communications, Culture & Communities (CCC) Delivery Plan 2018/19 for those services which are delegated to the Cultural Committee, these being 'Clydebank Town Hall', 'Arts and Heritage' and 'Communications'.

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 the report and the progress achieved at mid-year; and
- (2) to note that the Delivery Plan had also been submitted to the Corporate Services Committee to enable scrutiny of CCC services delegated to Corporate Services (Performance and Strategy, Libraries, and Citizen Services).

CATERING PROVISION AT CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture & Communities seeking approval to commence a tendering process for catering services at Clydebank Town Hall.

After discussion and having heard the Communications, Town Hall and CEO Manager in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve an open tender exercise in line with European legislation and Council Standing Orders involving issuing an Invitation to Tender to be advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) and Public Contracts Scotland Tender to obtain catering services to support events at Clydebank Town Hall; and
- (2) to note that, following the conclusion of this process, a report would be presented to a future meeting of the Tendering Committee, seeking approval to appoint successful tenderers for a two-year fixed term contract with the option to extend the contract for an additional 12 month period, taking the maximum term to 3 years.

SOLDIERS BY TOM McKENDRICK – ACQUISITION PROPOSAL

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture & Communities presenting to Committee for approval the proposal to acquire by purchase a painting from Tom McKendrick's *Soldiers* collection.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report and to approve the proposal to spend £1,000 from the Cultural budget.

ADJOURNMENT

After hearing Bailie Agnew, Chair, the meeting adjourned for a short time for Members to consider their preference with regards to the painting to be acquired by purchase.

The Committee reconvened at 11.16 a.m. with all Members listed in the sederunt in attendance. Thereafter, the Committee also agreed:-

- (1) to express a preference for the painting featuring Royal Navy Reserve S. Lt. Michelle Ping QVRM MiD and Ellena Rae;
- (2) to approve the proposal to leverage additional funding via applications to The National Fund for Acquisitions and/or The Art Fund; and
- (3) that should no external funding be available, the purchase of the painting would not proceed.

The meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.