

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Cultural Committee held in the Council Chamber, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Monday, 24 June 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; Craig Stewart and Gabriella Gonda, Committee Officers.

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

Bailie Denis Agnew in the Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING

On behalf of the Chair, the Legal Manager 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.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Cultural Committee held on 29 April 2019 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

OPEN FORUM

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

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 the progress being made in relation to develop international links with existing and potential partners as outlined in the report;
- (2) to note that the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services had written to both Beauvoisin and Argenteuil with a view to re-establishing links with those areas and would report back to a future meeting of the Committee;
- (3) to note that to date no formal response had been received from the President of Gdynia in relation to the proposed friendship agreement between the City of Gdynia and West Dunbartonshire;
- (4) to note the latest communication from Letterkenny Municipal District expressing the desire to develop the friendship agreement further and request the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services to send the Committee's best wishes to the newly appointed Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Letterkenny;
- (5) that a sum of up to a maximum of £5000 be allocated from the Cultural budget to meet the costs of any expenditure incurred in developing international relationships this financial year;
- (6) having heard Bailie Agnew, that the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services be authorised to write to Councillor McGarvey, in order to congratulate him on his re-election and thank him for his support to the friendship agreement as former Mayor of Letterkenny Municipal District; and
- (7) to note that officers would maintain a watching brief in relation to developing the Council's friendship links with current and potential international partners.

SIGNAGE IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

A verbal update was provided by Bailie Agnew, Chair, on the historical and current position with regard to signage in West Dunbartonshire.

After discussion and having heard relevant officers in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that officers would be requested to bring forward a report on signage that needs to be removed/replaced in West Dunbartonshire with particular regard to the Clydebank Rebuilt signage, and replacement of street name signage to the original colours of white on black text;
- (2) that, with regard to (1) above, this report would be remitted to the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee for consideration; and
- (3) that a suitable display board be positioned within the new Glencairn House Museum to reference the historical significance of Charles Rennie Mackintosh and his connection to West Dunbartonshire.

Following on from the decision with regard to signage, the Committee also agreed:-

- (i) that a report be prepared by officers giving information and recommendations on upgrading/refurbishment works of the Civic areas of the Town Hall, for consideration at the September meeting of the Cultural Committee; and
- (ii) that a meeting of the Town Hall working group be identified for a date in August, to enable Members to consider various matters following the recent walk around of the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.45 a.m.