

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Cultural Committee held in the Council Chamber, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Monday, 23 September 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; Sarah Christie, Team Lead – Arts & Heritage 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

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 24 June 2019 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

After hearing Bailie Agnew, Chair, and the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services provide an update in relation to the Friendship Agreement with Letterkenny, it was noted:-

- (1) that an invitation had been received from Donegal County Council for Members of the Committee to visit Ireland to discuss the development of the friendship agreement;
- (2) that the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services would contact Donegal County Council to make appropriate arrangements for the visit; and

- (3) that the Chair and the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services would meet with Mr Webster, Head of Scotland Office, Ireland to discuss the friendship agreement with Letterkenny at a mutually convenient time and place.

OPEN FORUM

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

NOTE OF MEETING OF TOWN HALL REDEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

The Note of Meeting of the Town Hall Redevelopment Working Group held on 16 August 2019 was submitted for information and noted.

DIGITISATION OF ARCHIVE AND LOCAL STUDIES MATERIALS

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture, Communities & Facilities recommending the Council enters into a partnership with a commercial subscription-based archive website.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead and the Team Lead - Arts & Heritage in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of this report;
- (2) to note that this proposal presented no financial cost to the Council; and
- (3) to approve the proposal to proceed to procure for a licensing agreement with a commercial subscription-based archive website provider.

INVESTMENT FOR CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture, Communities & Facilities seeking funding for the purchase of furnishings and equipment to improve Clydebank Town Hall's event space and increase the potential for income generation.

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 proposal outlined in the report; and
- (2) to approve £60,000 funding from the Cultural Heritage Fund to invest in furniture and equipment for Clydebank Town Hall.

After hearing Bailie Agnew, Chair, it was also agreed to note the intention to form a working group to discuss the 80th anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz and that a report be brought to the next meeting of the Committee in this regard.

The meeting closed at 11.06 a.m.