

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Cultural Committee held by Video Conferencing on Monday, 17 May 2021 at 10.08 a.m.

Present: Provost William Hendrie, Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillor Jonathan McColl.

Attending: Malcolm Bennie, Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture & Facilities; Alan Douglas, Legal Manager; George Hawthorn, Manager of Democratic and Registration Services; Sarah Christie, Team Leader – Arts & Heritage, Lynsey Dickson, Accountant and Christine McCaffary, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Apologies: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Brian Walker.

Bailie Denis Agnew in the Chair

ADJOURNMENT

Bailie Agnew moved that the meeting be adjourned for a period of 10 minutes. The Committee agreed accordingly.

The meeting reconvened at 10.15 a.m. with those Members noted in the sederunt present.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meetings of the Cultural Committee held on (a) 1 February 2021 (Special) and (b) 29 March 2021 (Ordinary) 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 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.

After discussion and having heard the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services in further explanation the Committee agreed:

- (a) that a commemorative medal be presented to the British Red Cross in recognition of the support it provided to the people of Clydebank during and after the Clydebank Blitz;
- (b) to note that Creative Scotland had not yet responded to the request for funding for the commemoration of the Clydebank Blitz;
- (c) to note that a meeting would be arranged with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, Convener and the Manager of Democratic Services and Registration Services to finalise arrangements for the proposed live concerts, etc.;
- (d) 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; and
- (e) to note that a report providing an update on all of the above matters would be submitted to next meeting of the Committee.

A DEDICATED MUSEUM ON CLYDEBANK'S HISTORY AND LEGACY

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Cultural Committee held on 25 November 2019, a verbal update was given by the Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture & Facilities in relation to this standing item of business.

The Committee noted that a preferred contractor for the works had been identified and that would be considered by the Tendering Committee in the near future with the aim of the project commencing in June.

SCOTTISH ART ACQUISITIONS FUND PROPOSAL

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture & Facilities proposing the establishment of an Acquisition Fund to acquire by purchase fine art works to enhance the Council's fine art collection and enrich its focus on Scottish art.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer in further explanation the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report;
- (2) to approve the proposal to allocate £100k from the Cultural Capital Fund to establish an Acquisition Fund to purchase artworks by Scottish artists, and in particular Scottish women artists; and
- (3) to approve the proposal to leverage additional funding, as appropriate, via applications to The National Fund for Acquisitions and/or The Art Fund.

CITIZEN, CULTURE & FACILITIES DELIVERY PLAN 2020/21 11 YEAR END PROGRESS REPORT AND 2021/22 DELIVERY PLAN

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture & Facilities presenting the 2021/22 Delivery Plan for Citizen, Culture and Facilities, and the year-end progress report for the 2020/21 Delivery Plan as agreed at Council on 23 November 2021.

After discussion the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note progress made on the delivery of the 2021/21 Plan; and
- (2) to note the 2021/22 Delivery Plan.

The meeting closed at 11.06 a.m.