

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Cultural Committee held by video conference on Monday, 24 January 2022 at 10.07 a.m.

Present: Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillors Jonathan McColl and Brian Walker.

Attending: Amanda Graham, Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture and Facilities, George Hawthorn, Manager of Democratic and Registration Services; Michelle Lynn, Assets Coordinator; Karen Shannon, Business Partner – Resources; Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal Services; and Ashley MacIntyre and Gabriella Gonda, Committee Officers.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Provost William Hendrie.

Bailie Denis Agnew in the Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair, Bailie Agnew, was heard in connection with Item 6 – 'Weekend Opening of Clydebank Town Hall' that appeared in the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cultural Committee held on 20 December 2021.

He advised that he wished to provide clarity for existing employees by confirming that there would be no change to contracts to accommodate Sunday opening; that the building would be open seven days a week for a trial period during 2022/23 to support Covid recovery with a particular focus on the wellbeing agenda and widening accessing for our citizens. He further advised that the Chief Officer would have discretion to make adjustments, as necessary, in order to take this forward and that he was seeking to continue the item to a future meeting to enable further discussions to take place between officers and the Health and Social Care Partnership to ensure we maximise the benefit of this pilot, reduce isolation and improve wellbeing.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

RECORDING OF VOTES

The Committee agreed that all votes taken during the meeting would be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of Meetings of the Cultural Committee held on 29 November 2021 (Ordinary) and 20 December 2021 (Special) 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.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS – 2 JUNE 2022

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration asking Committee to consider whether this Council should celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee by lighting two beacons to mark the occasion.

After discussion and having heard the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services in further explanation, and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the Council would purchase one gas beacon and gas cylinder to be lit at Dumbarton Castle on 2nd June 2022 to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, at a cost of £600 to be met from the Cultural fund; and
- (2) to note the other activities and events as referred to in paragraph 4.6 of the report, in which schools may participate in West Dunbartonshire to mark the occasion.

The meeting closed at 10:21 a.m.