18th October 2018

Minutes of the proceedings of the EXTRAORDINARY ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE meeting held on this day in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM from 19:30 to 20.45.

PRESENT
Chairman: Cllr Mrs G S Hewetson
Councillors: Cllrs M Bishop, Ms S Gurney, C Moore and Mrs A Tebboth

IN ATTENDANCE
Arts and Culture Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)
Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs M Monk, K Morgan and Mrs S Steatham.

MEMBERS’ INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)
Cllr Mrs Hewetson stated that she is a trustee of the Cultural Partnership: more arts.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OR PUBLIC (Agenda Item 3)
Mr Carpenter asked the question to the Committee if they would consider his application to the Bar as he was requested to get a local authority to respond. The Chairman requested that he leave his application document for further consideration as necessary and she would liaise with the Town Clerk on process for such a request.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda Item 4)
It was proposed by Cllr Ms Gurney and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tebboth and it was that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, e.g. legal and financial matters, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and instructed to withdraw.

INTERNATIONAL STREET CONCERT 2019 (Agenda Item 5)

a) The Tenders for the Street Concert 2019 were received and considered. It was noted how disappointing it was to have only received a small number of applications however the opportunity had been sent out to a number of past contacts and advertised as statutes required on Wokingham Town Council’s own and the Government Contract website. The Committee discussed the tenders at length including a robust scoring process.

b) The Committee has questions regarding important aspects of the chosen Tender. Subject to adequate responses, particularly in regards to road closure, first aid, toilet provision, publicity and performers, they would consider accepting the tender and as such will defer the resolution to the November meeting once questions are received.

ACTION: ARTS AND CULTURE OFFICER

CHAIRMAN