

24th May 2016

Minutes of the proceedings of the **ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE** meeting held on this day in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM** from 7:30 pm to 8:28 pm.

PRESENT

Chairman: Mrs G S Hewetson
Councillors: Mrs A Drake, Ms S C Gurney, K Morgan, Mrs S Steatham and A Waters.

IN ATTENDANCE

Arts and Culture Officer
Cllr George

The Chairman invited Cllr George to join the Committee at the table.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs M Monk and D Lee.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

Cllr Mrs Hewetson stated that she is a Trustee of the Cultural Partnership.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OR PUBLIC (Agenda Item 3)

No questions have been received.

ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hewetson and seconded by Cllr Ms Gurney and it was

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that the Minutes of the Arts & Culture Committee meeting held on 14th March 2016 (pages 15134 to 15136) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 5)

The Monitoring Report dated 17th May 2016 was received and considered.

International Street Concert Future Provision

To be revisited at 18th July meeting post the event.

Questions Regarding Christmas Lights.

To be discussed as Agenda Item 8

COMMITTEE BUDGET (Agenda Item 6)

The Arts and Culture Committee's budget dated to 30th April 2016 was received and considered.

COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES (Agenda Item 7)

The Committee objectives were received and considered.

It was agreed that the committee would consider further the objectives in the context of looking forward over the remainder of the current council term and



bring ideas back to the Arts and Culture Officer for the next meeting. In particular when considering any growth the months of February and October when the council has few or no events were highlighted. However it would be done with consideration of the yearly events calendar that the Marketing and Communications Co-Ordinator has been putting together.

ACTION: ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE AND ARTS & CULTURE OFFICER

QUESTION REGARDING CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Agenda Item 8)

The response from the Amenities Officer was received and considered. The Committee thanked the Amenities Officer for his detailed response and were pleased to hear that there was potential in the upcoming improvements to the Market Place to allow a mass switch on of the immediate Market Place area.

MOSAIC TRAIL (Agenda Item 9)

The concept of a mosaic trail and designs for the Market Place mosaics were received and considered.

The Chairman outlined the background of the project, which is in conjunction with Wokingham Borough Council's ongoing regeneration work. The committee were strongly supportive of the concept of a Mosaic Trail linking and creating movement through the regeneration areas including the improved Market Place and introducing public art into Wokingham. It was recognised that there would need to be work done to achieve sponsorship to pay for the Mosaics and to ensure the art pieces are durable and suitable for the locations.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hewetson and seconded by Cllr Waters and it was

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unanimously to support the concept of the Mosaics and do all they can within their remit to achieve Public Art in the Wokingham Regeneration.

UPDATE ON QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PREPARATIONS (Agenda Item 10)

The Chairman gave a brief update on current work for the Queen's Birthday and reported back that all was progressing on plan ready for an excellent event on 12th June.

Cllr Ms Gurney offered to assist with the data collation of the feedback forms received.

ACTION: CLLR MS GURNEY

CHAIRMAN

