

5th September 2016

Minutes of the proceedings of the **ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE** meeting held on this day in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM** from 19:30 to 20:50.

PRESENT

Chairman: Mrs G S Hewetson

Councillors: Mrs A Drake, D Lee, M Monk and A Waters.

IN ATTENDANCE

Arts and Culture Officer

Cllr Imogen Shepherd-DuBey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs K Morgan and Mrs S Steatham.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

Cllrs Mrs Hewetson and M Monk stated they are Trustees of The Cultural Partnership: more arts.

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 Mrs Drake and it was

**RESOLVED
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that the Minutes of the Arts & Culture Committee meeting held on 18th July 2016 (pages 15202 to 15204) 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 30th August 2016 was received and considered.

International Street Concert Future Provision

To be discussed as Agenda Item 7.

Mosaic Trail in the Town

To be discussed as Agenda Item 9.

At this point the Chairman requested to move to Agenda Item 7.

Cllr I Shepherd-DuBey joined the meeting.

INTERNATIONAL STREET CONCERT (Agenda Item 7)

- a) The Arts and Culture Officer gave a verbal update. Since the 18th July meeting she had been in touch with both the company providing technical provision and the Musical Director to let them know the results of that meeting. Furthermore due to the extensive regeneration and



improvements works including the Market Place project it will not be possible to utilise Broad Street in 2017 for the International Street Concert. The Arts and Culture Officer, Town Clerk and Arts and Culture Committee Chairman had identified a number of potential sites and in conjunction with the Technical Director and Musical Director had narrowed them down to one preferred site of the Paddocks Car Park. The Town Clerk would be now looking to secure permission from Wokingham Borough Council to utilise this space.

- b) The Chairman asked the Musical Director to talk through his ideas for the future concerts. He presented a number of acts from his portfolio as examples although at this point all acts were subject to availability.

After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hewetson and seconded by Cllr Lee and it was

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to give the go ahead for the Musical Director to move forward with booking the acts for 2017's concert.

COMMITTEE BUDGET (Agenda Item 6)

The Arts and Culture Committee's budget dated to 31st July 2016 was received and considered.

The final cost of the 2016 Street Concert was queried, the Arts and Culture Officer explained that not all suppliers had sent in their invoices as yet. A reminder of the expected final cost of the Street Concert was requested.

ACTION: ARTS & CULTURE OFFICER

SUNNY SATURDAYS (Agenda Item 8)

The Arts and Culture Officer's report was received and considered.

It was agreed that the preference for moving forward with Sunny Saturdays during the Market Place improvement works would be to utilise the space between Gig House and Brown Bag. The Arts and Culture Officer will now proceed with securing permissions and necessary amenities.

ACTION: ARTS & CULTURE OFFICER

The Committee were in unanimous agreement with all recommendations from the report. The Chairman also stressed the importance of achieving feedback, in particular from Councillors attending the events. This would be of even greater importance to enable reflection on the event for when it returns to the Market Place in 2018.

MOSAICS WORKING PARTY (Agenda Item 9)

The notes from the Mosaics Working Party meeting of 3rd August 2016 were received.

The budget for this project was queried and Councillors were informed that this was planned to be achieved through sponsorship and that a number of local organisations were already on board however there was a potential for an immediate gap in funding. The Committee agreed to consider the possibility of requesting an amount from F&P to assist with this project.

The comment in the notes regarding it not being possible to have a physical cultural venue in Wokingham was queried. Members felt that the concept should



not be immediately dismissed and that in the future a venue may still be possible and there should be further discussion on the topic. A lack of space for the visual arts was noted.

ACTION: ARTS AND CULTURE OFFICER

2017-18 BUDGETS (Agenda Item 10)

The Committee considered a number of options including:

The previously identified extra funding of £500 to ensure Fun Day is secured for the next 3 years. Bearing in mind that this is still hoped to be found externally.

A budget to assist with the Mosaics project, notionally placed at £5000.

An increase to the Concert budget in order to ensure it is funded for the immediate future. However the Committee felt it would not be possible to consider an amount without the final expenditure for the 2016 concert, the projected costs for 2017 with the temporary location change agreed and financial ramifications identified, and a considered realistic idea of income from sponsorship.

With that in mind it was agreed that the decision on this be deferred to another meeting in advance of the November F&P meeting.

ACTION: ARTS AND CULTURE OFFICER

CHAIRMAN

