

9th September 2019

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 21:38.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr S Gurney

Councillors: Cllrs A Box, P Cunnington, M Fumagalli, P Hornsby and M Malvern

IN ATTENDANCE

Arts and Culture Officer

Miss Rull and Miss MacKinnon

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs D Hinton, T Lloyd and A Tebboth.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

A declaration of interest was received from Cllr Ms Gurney. Her partner works for Eclectic Games and as such she won't be engaging in the discussion or vote on Agenda Item 10.

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 Gurney and seconded by Cllr Hornsby and it was

**RESOLVED
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unanimously that the Minutes of the Arts & Culture Committee meeting held on 22nd July 2019 (pages 15870 to 15875) 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 3rd September was received and considered.

Video sharing to Care Homes:

The Mosaic videos are ready online and will be shared post 14th September which is also the Mosaic App Launch date.

Feedback Options:

Arts and Culture Officer has pulled together a list of events alongside current feedback options and some identified feedback growth areas. Cllr Hornsby will be meeting with the Town Clerk regarding this with a wider strategy in mind. Cllr A Box requested that she also attend.

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Advertise Love Wokingham

Small till point flyers have been produced. The Marketing Coordinator will be attending Full Council at a future date once Strategy is agreed

Wokingham Living Advent Calendar 2020

More Arts have been contacted and a date set for this meeting

Public Art

This Committees support of Public Art in Wokingham in general has been relayed to the group and Cllr Lloyd and Cllr A Box have been engaged with the group. Items to appear on the Agenda as and when significant updates are available. Cllr A Box updated that the group were firstly considering concepts that might work for future public art. The Committee noted that Amenities were creating a Working Party for Elms Field and Howard Palmer Gardens which may engage with some public art for those locations. It was requested that the Arts and Culture Officer check with the Town Clerk on the planned procedure and process.

Future Ideas

It was reported that there was currently a lack of information to properly formulate a report related to either the "Zombie Run" or "Battle of the Bands" for this meeting. Further discussions to be had and details to come to the Committee when available for either potential event.

Committee Objectives

To be deferred until strategic plan confirmed.

COMMITTEE BUDGET (Agenda Item 6)

The Arts and Culture Committee's budget dated to 31st July 2019 was received and noted.

SCIENCE WITH SCHOOLS (Agenda Item 7)

Cllr M Fumagalli updated the Committee with details on the Science with Schools concept. He had had some informal meetings with the Head of Science at St Crispin's and from that meeting a colleague at Imperial and with the Town Clerk to look at how the event may fit into the nascent strategic plan of the Council. From there a plan to engage with Yr 10, Yr 12 and wider 6th form is being formulated with a possible focus on environmental studies and an overarching aim to get students excited and inspired by science.

It was suggested that engaging with the earlier years before they start picking GCSE subjects might also be an idea. It was also asked what could be done to encourage female representation in STEM subjects. Cllr Fumagalli agreed that this was important and would like to bring in first and foremost engaging minds, with a strong consideration to involving academics from backgrounds who are a minority in these fields. However he wanted it to be inclusive and not explicitly aimed at solely female students.

It was noted that there would be no initial cost to the Council with the University providing the academics. There may be some Officer time and some in kind

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usage of the Main Hall for a pilot outreach project. The Council would act as a broker in this event. It was agreed to continue with the event with consideration made to a date in September 2020 for the pilot outreach event.

ACTION: ARTS AND CULTURE OFFICER

TREE OF LIGHT (Agenda Item 8)

The request from Wokingham Rotary was received and considered to use the Town Christmas Tree as a Tree of Light in the same way as other Rotary's around the country.

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It was proposed by Cllr S Gurney and seconded by Cllr P Hornsby and it was

unanimously to support Wokingham Rotary to use the Town Christmas Tree for this event, with the following caveats;

- That the Arts and Culture Officer ensure the Rotary club are fully aware of the damage to the lights last year and the potential for damage this year.
- That the impact on the information centre will be monitored and help may be asked for to support.

ACTION: ARTS AND CULTURE OFFICER

THEATRE IN THE PARK (Agenda Item 9)

The report on Theatre in the Park was received and considered.

The Committee were in agreement in disappointment over numbers attending.

It was agreed that before committing to going out to quote for the next year's event and potential three year contract that some work should be done between now and November to engage online with local individuals and groups on why they are not attending this event. From these results the decision will be made on if and/or how Theatre in the Park will progress.

It was agreed that the Arts and Culture Officer would with the Chairman's assistance draft a poll for Facebook in the first instance. At a later date Cllr A Box agreed to take a tablet with a similar questionnaire to engage directly with people on the street.

ACTION: ARTS AND CULTURE OFFICER

BOARD GAMING EVENT (Agenda Item 10)

The report on the Board Gaming event was received and considered.

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It was proposed by Cllr A Box and seconded by Cllr P Cunnington and it was

by six in favour and one who did not vote due to noted interest, to support Eclectic Games as a partner in this event as per the report.

ACTION: ARTS AND CULTURE OFFICER

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INTERNATIONAL STREET CONCERT (Agenda Item 11)

The addition of a repeating screen was discussed and it was felt that it would be a good addition to increase the inclusivity of this event. The additional cost was noted and it was requested when meeting next with the Events Company to ask if it would be possible to negotiate the cost down for this first year as a trial of its effectiveness.

It was proposed by Cllr P Hornsby and seconded by Cllr S Gurney and it was to

**RESOLVED
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request from F&P the amount of £1984.48 (ex VAT) or less, if it can be negotiated down, for a repeater screen for this event.

ACTION: ARTS AND CULTURE OFFICER

GRAFITTI BOARDS (Agenda Item 12)

The action from the Amenities Committee related to Graffiti boards was received and considered. The potential positive and negative impacts of such a project was discussed but overall the Committee were in support of the concept and it would encourage increased and wide scope of public art.

Locations immediately to be considered:

- The St Crispin's Skatepark as the two traditionally go hand in hand
- Near/around Denmark Street Car Park as there is a nearby pavement area and it is a well used public area with few private residences overlooking it.

If other potential locations come to mind, Councillors are to submit their ideas to the Arts and Culture Officer.

It was also requested to forward details of any local authorities Councillors were aware of that already do this in order to gain more advice and to contact local youth services and groups such as JAC for their input.

ACTION: ARTS AND CULTURE OFFICER

V.E. DAY REQUEST (Agenda Item 13)

The request from Wokingham Lions for funds for a VE day celebration was received and considered.

The Committee had significant concerns related to this event. The cost was high and there were concerns over the Lions capacity to run an additional event the day after their biggest event of the year. It was also felt that the event attendance might be diluted by or dilute attendance at the May Fayre. It was asked why, as there was infrastructure already in place, they did not chose to theme the May Fayre to this celebration. Especially as the May Fayre will be on VE day itself.

It was agreed to not financially support this additional event, however the Committee would be open to consideration of a smaller request of additional funds to assist with theming of the May Fayre itself. The Arts and Culture Officer will liaise with the Town Clerk on the response to the Lions and any further process related to requesting funds as per the decision above.

ACTION: ARTS AND CULTURE OFFICER AND TOWN CLERK

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MOSAICS STEERING GROUP (Agenda Item 14)

The notes from the meeting held on the 1st August 2019 were received. Cllr M Malvern gave a brief update.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION (Agenda Item 15)

Nothing to report

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda Item 16)

It was proposed by Cllr S Gurney and seconded by Cllr A Box and it was

**RESOLVED
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that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted i.e. commercial and financial it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and instructed to withdraw.

FUN DAY QUOTATIONS (Agenda Item 17)

The report and quotations for the fairground and entertainment provision were received and considered.

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It was proposed by Cllr M Malvern and seconded by Cllr P Cunnington and it was

to accept provider B's quotation (Sally Associates) for the fairground provision.

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It was proposed by Cllr A Box and seconded by Cllr M Malvern and it was

to accept provider A's quotation (Circus Scene) for the entertainment provision, with an additional £200 uplift request to F&P for this provision in addition to the uplift request at the previous meeting.

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