



Wokingham Town Council

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Town Clerk: Mrs J. Nowecki

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In accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 this meeting is to be held virtually.

Members of the public remain welcome and should contact the officer below for details.

2nd March 2021

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the **Arts & Culture Committee** to be held as a **Virtual Meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 8th March 2021** for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the subjects and matters set out in the Agenda below.

Yours sincerely

J Nowecki
Town Clerk

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AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive any declaration of interests from Members on the business about to be transacted.

3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OR PUBLIC

The Chairman to answer questions raised by members of the Council or public.

This is an opportunity for the people of Wokingham to ask questions of, and make comments to, the Town Council. Members of the public are requested to restrict their questions and comments to three minutes. Questions which are not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking the question. To ensure an informed response, please send your questions to the Town Clerk at least three working days prior to the meeting.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

To receive and confirm the Minutes of the proceedings at the meeting of this Committee held on 18th January 2021 (pages 16229 to 16231), copy attached, as a true and correct record.

5 MONITORING REPORT

To receive and consider the Monitoring Report dated 2nd March 2021 (copy attached).

6 COMMITTEE BUDGET

To receive and consider the Committee's budget dated to 31st January 2021 (copy attached).

7 SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS

- a) To receive an update on the Wokingham Lions May Fayre
- b) To receive an update on Cultural Month.
- c) To consider and resolve if the Street Concert should go ahead
- d) To consider and resolve if the Fun Day should go ahead.
- e) To consider and resolve if Sunny Saturdays should go ahead.
- f) To consider and recommend if Theatre in the Park should maintain it's budget.
- g) To consider and recommend if International Day and Chalk About it should maintain their budgets.

8 SCIENCE WITH SCHOOLS

To receive and consider an update on this event and how the topic should be chosen.

9 COMMITTEE INFORMATION

- a) To receive information items raised by members
- b) Identify any specific items for marketing purposes

Arts & Culture Committee: Cllrs Anna Box, Philip Cunnington, Matteo Fumagalli, Sally Gurney (Chairman), Daniel Hinton, Peter Hornsby, Tim Lloyd, Morag Malvern and Abby Tebboth (Vice Chairman).

In order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, all persons attending this meeting are hereby notified that this meeting will be recorded. The purpose of recording proceedings is that it acts as an aide-memoir in assisting the clerk of the meeting in the compilation of minutes. The recordings are held in a secure location and deleted once it has been resolved that the minutes are a true and correct record.

In accordance with The Openness of Local Government Bodies regulations 2014, persons attending this meeting may make their own recordings of the proceedings subject to the Council's Policy on Filming, Recording & Reporting on Council and Committee Meetings (copy available on request).

18th January 2021 – DRAFT

In accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 this meeting was held virtually.

Minutes of the proceedings of the **ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE** meeting held virtually on this day from 19:30 to 20:57.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr S Gurney

Councillors: Cllrs, A Box, P Cunningham, D Hinton, M Fumagalli, P Hornsby, T Lack, T Lloyd, M Malvern and A Tebboth.

IN ATTENDANCE

Arts and Culture Officer

Jim Stockley, Chairman 'morearts.'

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

There were no apologies for absence

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There were no questions from members of the council or public.

ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)

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

**RESOLVED
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unanimously, that the Minutes of the Arts & Culture Committee meeting held on 16th November 2020 (pages 16191 to 16192) 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 12th January was received and considered.

Singing Trees:

It was noted that the Arts and Culture Officer had an ongoing action to investigate the potential for an app based singing trees project.

COMMITTEE BUDGET (Agenda Item 6)

The Arts and Culture Committee's budget dated to 31st December 2020 was received and noted.

DETAILED PRINCIPLES OF THE COUNCIL (Agenda Item 7)

The principles were received and noted

CHAIRMAN'S INITIALS _____



WOKINGHAM LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR REPORT (Agenda Item 8)

The report on the 2020 Wokingham Living Advent Calendar was received and considered. The observations around diversity of performer and potential to invite other religious groups to be part of the advent calendar was discussed.

The Committee agreed that it would like the delivery to continue to increase diversity in performer and that the Committee's new International Day project would help build contacts.

To also reach out to other religious communities whose important dates fall within the advent period to see if they would be interested in taking part and what that might look like. Furthermore to enable an open discussion on how they as residents see the event. That while the event is framed through a Christian lens it is an event that should be presented as welcoming to all regardless of faith.

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QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE REPORT (Agenda Item 9)

The report on the proposed changes and additions to the 2022 Street Concert to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was received and considered. The Committee was in majority favour of this proposal and requested that it continue to be pursued.

It was asked if there was funding available from the Crown or other sources to support the event. Which the Arts and Culture Officer can look into.

ACTION: ARTS AND CULTURE OFFICER

It was also asked what alternative plans were being made in case the Queen dies before the event. It was noted that the Officers have considered this and have contingency plans in place.

2021 PROJECTS (Agenda Item 10)

The Arts and Culture Officer updated the Committee on current work in relation to International Day, Chalk About It and Fun Day Recycling

The Committee were content with the update and requested the work for all continue.

It was noted that the briefs for Chalk About It and Recycling would go out for quotations when most appropriate considering project timescales and the current COVID-19 situation.

DECORATED CABINETS (Agenda Item 11)

The Chairman noted that this project had been put on a 12 month trial which was almost up. It was proposed to the Committee that due to the unusual year it had not been possible to properly assess it and it should be revisited in a further 12 months. The Committee were in agreement.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION (Agenda Item 12)

a) The following items for information were received.

WBC public art at Carnival: Cllr Lloyd reported work was ongoing regarding a piece of public art at the Carnival Development. There is expected to be significant enough detail by next meeting for an external representatives report.

Equalities Consultation: The Committee were reminded that there was a WBC Consultation regarding equality open until the 25th January.

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Science with Schools: It was noted that this project was now ongoing with the action from last meeting complete and would now be part of the normal yearly workflow.

Graffiti: Cllr Lack noted the increase in graffiti during the Christmas period and shared a concept that Amenities will be progressing with. Cllr Gurney noted that due to this communication avenues with some of the organisers/contributors to the Wellington House Street Art hoardings had been reopened and suggested looking at the concept of a temporary street art event at the next event planning meeting.

- b) **Marketing requests:** It was requested to look into ways to gather feedback related to the Advent Calendar on ways to improve it. It was particularly noted to not entirely rely on social media to gather that information. Newspapers, and the Town Council Newsletter were suggested as additional means to gather feedback.

CHAIRMAN

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Monitoring Report: Arts & Culture

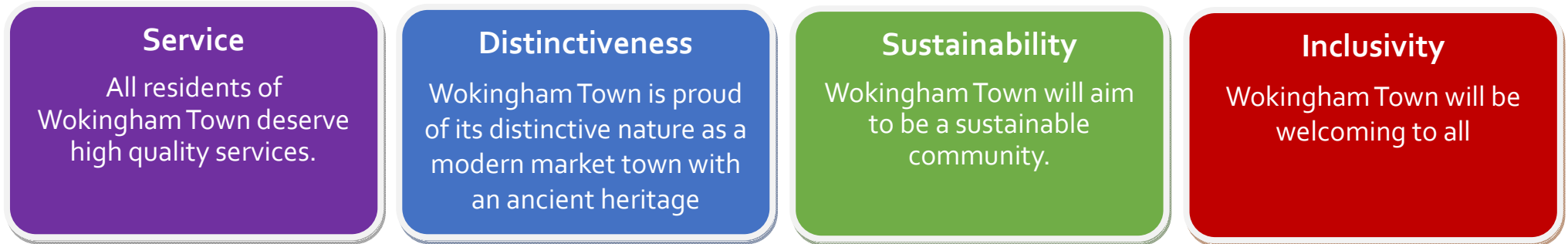
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Date Action Agreed	Item for Action (to include any resolution number)	Person Actioning	Proposed Completion Date	Progress
14/09/2020	Singing Trees	A&C Officer	August '21	Investigate the potential for an app based singing trees project.

Principles and Priorities: Arts & Culture

Date: 12th January 2021

Wokingham Town Council Overall Principles



Detailed Principles for the Committee

Service: Arts and Culture will create initiatives and events that serve the residents of the Town foremost.

Distinctiveness: The work of this Committee will look to add events and initiatives that continue to put Wokingham on the map

Sustainability: The Committee will introduce new events that are sustainable and environmentally friendly and will work to alter existing events to become greener and more sustainable.

Inclusivity: The Committee will create and manage events that embrace the communities and cultures of the residents. Events that are open and welcoming to all regardless of any protected characteristic. To use the arts to promote diversity and champion learning about others, particularly those who are underrepresented.

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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/01/2021

Month No: 10

Cost Centre Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
304 Arts & Culture							
1156 Mosaic Sponsorship	0	2,000	2,000			0.0%	
1159 Book Festival Income	1,866	3,600	1,734			51.8%	
1253 Fun Day Income	0	150	150			0.0%	
Arts & Culture :- Income	1,866	5,750	3,884			32.5%	0
4341 Concert	10,500	37,000	26,500		26,500	28.4%	
4342 Cultural Month	0	2,300	2,300		2,300	0.0%	
4343 PRS Licence	574	600	26		26	95.6%	
4345 Book Festival	2,961	6,600	3,639	648	2,991	54.7%	
4388 Theatre in the Park	2,514	2,500	(14)		(14)	100.5%	
4389 Board Games event	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
4512 Sunny Saturdays	(200)	5,000	5,200		5,200	(4.0%)	
4513 Dressing the Christmas Tree	150	700	550		550	21.4%	
4518 Living Advent Calendar	600	1,100	500		500	54.5%	
4519 Mosaics	0	2,500	2,500		2,500	0.0%	
4603 Fun Day	2,730	7,800	5,070		5,070	35.0%	
Arts & Culture :- Indirect Expenditure	19,828	67,100	47,272	648	46,624	30.5%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(17,962)	(61,350)	(43,388)				
Grand Totals:- Income	1,866	5,750	3,884			32.5%	
Expenditure	19,828	67,100	47,272	648	46,624	30.5%	
Net Income over Expenditure	(17,962)	(61,350)	(43,388)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(17,962)						