

# 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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

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unanimously, that the Minutes of the Arts & Culture Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

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### **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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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