

16th January 2023

Minutes of the proceedings of the **Arts and Culture Committee** meeting held on this day in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Wokingham** from 19.31 to 20:20

PRESENT

Chair: Cllr S Gurney

Councillors: J Ainslie, E Bishop, P Hornsby, T Lloyd, M Malvern and A Tebboth.

IN ATTENDANCE

Arts and Culture Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs P Cunningham and M Fumagalli.

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 J Ainslie and it was

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that the Minutes of Arts and Culture Committee meeting held on 14th November 2022 (pages 16638 to 16640), copy attached, be received as a true and correct record.

MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 5)

The Monitoring Report dated 10th January was received and considered.

Erftstadt Panels

The Arts and Culture Officer reported that the paintings had been scanned and the panels were being produced. It is estimated that the panels will be delivered around the end of the month and fitted asap afterwards.

Marketing

It was reported that Cllr Bishop has been in touch to initiate a review on how we engage with residents of the under 30 demographic. The Arts and Culture Officer is identifying local 6th forms and colleges to engage with.

Science with Schools

The Chair reminded Councillors to feedback any contacts in academia or industry that might be able to support our Science with Schools initiative.

Lunar New Year

Councillors were reminded that Lunar New Year is on Sunday 29th Jan. Assistance for this event and spreading the marketing would be appreciated.

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Board Gaming Event

Councillors were reminded that this event will take place on Sunday 19th Feb. Assistance would be appreciated. Marketing for the event will be going out asap.

COMMITTEE BUDGET (Agenda Item 6)

The Arts and Culture Committee's budget dated to 30th November 2022 was received and noted.

DRESSING THE CHRISTMAS TREE (Agenda Item 7)

The Arts and Culture Officer was thanked for the report. The Committee was in agreement with the recommendation to explore other carol options with schools and Wokingham Choral Society.

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COMMITTEE INFORMATION (Agenda Item 8)

There were no individual items from Committee.
There were no specific Marketing requests.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda Item 9)

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

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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.

PART II

CONCERT (Agenda Item 10)

The tenders and report were received and considered. The Committee were in agreement that Company B should be discounted due to a lack of detailed and contextual information. Companies A and C were discussed and compared, noting that on scoring they were very close to each other.

Councillors were impressed with the level of thought and detail that had gone into Company C's tender, particularly aligning to WTC's key principles. However there was concern that the extensive discounting on Company C's tender may indicate a struggle to keep to the allocated budget. A substantial difference between costs allocated for performers was noted and significant concern that Company C had under-costed this aspect.

It was proposed by Cllr S Gurney and seconded by Cllr E Bishop and it was

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to accept the tender from Company A (Yes Events). Subject to the following.

- A discussion and change in the line up to better reflect gender balance.
- Being open to discussion on some areas identified in the scoring to require improvement.

ACTION: ARTS AND CULTURE OFFICER

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