

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 5th FEBRUARY, 2019

Present: Councillor D McKenna (Chair) and
R Arthur, E Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale,
Mrs K Brace, S P Colborn, S Cudlip,
Mrs S Forster, Ms R M Gratton,
G N Hepworth, Mrs L Kennedy,
T Shepherd, B Taylor, R Whitehead,
Miss L Willis.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs B E Allen, Mrs J Bell
D Cummings, Mrs V Cummings,
Mrs S Pratt, K Shaw,

Officers: Mrs D Rickaby (Town Clerk)
Ms A Rountree (Minute Taker)

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chair advised members of this Committee and members of the public that in line with the amendment to 'the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960', which came into force in August, 2014, parts of this meeting may be recorded by photographic, video and audio means.

AI08/19 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded prior to the start of the meeting of the need to disclose any interests prejudicial or personal, in accordance with the Code of Conduct. Such interests must be submitted to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

AI/09/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 8th JANUARY, 2019

RECOMMENDED the Minutes of this meeting, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

AI10/19 CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

RECOMMENDED that the Committee note the information.

AI11/19 MEMBERS PRESENTATION

Representative of the Council (Member) attending the NAC Conference on Recycling and Reduction of Single Use Plastics gave committee a short presentation on the variety of ideas that were discussed at the conference which included novelty bins and items that once filled with plastic bottles would resemble a seaside piece of art.

RECOMMENDED that the colour presentation received from the conference be emailed to all Members for their perusal.

AI12/19 **REMEMBER THEM FUND**

Mr Dave McKenna gave Members a brief history of how this group came about and an update on things they have achieved to date such as the repairs to the memorial in the Town Park which had been vandalised and was corroding due to the weather. Mr McKenna stated that there are further works to be carried out to the figures on the top of the memorial and it was hoped that this would be completed by 2018 but unfortunately this did not happen and asked Members if they could be mindful of this when preparing future budgets. The memorial will be 100 years old in 2021 and he would like to see this completed by then so future generations can enjoy the memorial.

Mr McKenna stated that various charity events have taken place to raise funds which includes the Armed Forces Day £1600 was raised last year which was put straight back into the projects. The group have also paid for the Armed Forces dedication plaques in the Clock Garden and also contributed to the memorial at Seaham High School which 1200 school children now hold their own Remembrance Service.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.

AI13/19 **CONFERENCES, COURSES AND SEMINARS**

a) **NAC CONFERENCE – ENVIRONMENT & THE MUNICIPALIZATION OF ENERGY**

RECOMMENDED that the next two Members on the rota should attend.

b) **NEREO HALF DAY WORKSHOPS**

RECOMMENDED that if any Members wish to attend these courses they should contact the Town Clerk for further details.

c) **EVALUATION FORM**

RECOMMENDED that Members accept the reports.

AI14/19 **CDALC LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS FORUM MEETING – 21ST FEBRUARY, 2019**

RECOMMENDED that two Members will attend this meeting along with the Town Clerk.

AI15/19 **DESTINATION SEAHAM**

Members expressed concerns that information was still being provided to the Destination Seaham Group prior to the Town Council being informed. The Town Clerk stated she has a meeting with a Durham County Council representative this week and will bring this to her attention and request that all information is given to the Town Council prior to Destination Seaham.

RECOMMENDED that the Committee note the information.

AI16/19 **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

RECOMMENDED the Council note that there were no press opportunities from this meeting.