

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 30TH APRIL, 2019

Present: Councillor Mrs J Bell (Chair) and,
Mrs B E Allen, E Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale,
Mrs K Brace, S P Colborn, S Cudlip,
D Cummings, Mrs V Cummings,
Mrs S Forster, G N Hepworth,
Mrs L Kennedy, D McKenna, Mrs S Pratt,
K Shaw, B Taylor, R Whitehead,
Miss L Willis.

Apologies: Councillors R Arthur, Ms R M Gratton.

Officers: Mrs D Rickaby (Town Clerk)
P Fletcher (Deputy Town Clerk)
Mrs J Knight (Finance Officer)
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.

AI26/19 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.

AI27/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 2nd APRIL, 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.

AI28/19 CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

RECOMMENDED that the Committee note the information.

AI29/19 CONFERENCES, COURSES AND SEMINARS

a) NEREO HALF DAY WORKSHOPS – CHAIRING SKILLS FOR ELECTED MEMBERS

A Member stated that Seaham Community Party were informed that they would not be given any Chairs of Committees. Another Member stated that this was incorrect. Seaham Community Party had been offered Chairs in their second term and had refused.

RECOMMENDED if any Members are interested in attending they should contact the Town Clerk to be booked onto the course. The minutes from last year's meeting to be checked to ascertain if Seaham Community Party were offered any Chairs of Committees.

b) EVALUATION FORMS

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.

AI30/19 NALC STAR COUNCIL AWARDS 2019

Members discussed the awards and agreed that Seaham was a good Town Council and should enter into the awards.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk enters Seaham Town Council into the NALC awards.

A31/19 BRYAN MAYHEW

Members discussed the recent passing of Bryan Mayhew who devoted his time to Seaham Red Star Football Club and how he was instrumental in the building of the Red Star Club House which is now the Town Hall. Members felt that it would be a fitting tribute to have a memorial plaque and tree in the Town Park in Bryan's memory.

A Member also raised the sad passing of former Easington District Councillor Frank Shaw who's funeral was taking place on 1st May, 2019.

RECOMMENDED that a memorial plaque and tree is placed in the Town Park in memory of Bryan Mayhew.

AI32/19 PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

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