

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2015

Present: Councillor I Paul (Chair) and
Councillors B Allen, Mrs B E Allen,
R Arthur, Mrs M R Baird, Mrs G Bleasdale,
B Burn, B Burn Jnr, S Cudlip,
Mrs S Forster, Miss S Morrison, N R Page,
K Shaw, C Snowball, B Taylor.

Apologies: Councillors E Bell, Mrs J A Bell,
Mrs H J Cahill

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.

1. 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.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 23RD JUNE, 2015

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.

3. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

RECOMMENDED the list of conference appointments a copy of which had been previously circulated, be approved.

4. CONFERENCES, COURSES AND SEMINARS

a) NAC Planning and Partnerships Conference

The Committee considered details of the National Association of Councillors' Planning and Partnerships Conference to be held in Blackpool on 25th to 27th September, 2015.

RECOMMENDED the next two Councillors from the appropriate rota be authorised to attend this event as the Council's representatives, and such attendance rank as an approved duty for payment of appropriate allowances; the bookings would not be made until places were confirmed by Members wishing to attend.

b) Conference Evaluation Forms

RECOMMENDED the Council accept the reports completed by the Council's three delegates who attended the Devolving Powers to the Region Conference, organised by the National Association of Councillors held in Lytham St Annes on 26th to 28th June, 2015.

5. NALC/CDALC ISSUES

a) Bulletin on National Developments and Meetings – 10th July 2015

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

b) Nalc's Direct Information Service

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

c) Nalc Newsletter – Monday, 13th July, 2015

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

d) Larger Local Councils Forum

Members considered the response received from CDALC and in discussion it was considered to be at the loss of everyone else that Seaham Town Council is excluded.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

6. EAST DURHAM AAP

a) Minutes of the meeting of the MSFOOC Priority Group – 22nd May 2015

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

b) Board Meeting Agenda – 9th September 2015

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

7. DESTINATION SEAHAM

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

8. REQUEST FROM EAST DURHAM HERITAGE GROUP

Members considered the legal advice received on this from Morton's Solicitors and the additional special conditions which have been added to the standard agreement to enable the loan of the item to take place.

RECOMMENDED the Council approve the loan of the item subject to the special conditions.

9. VISIT COUNTY DURHAM

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

10. COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON NHS TRUST

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

11. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

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