

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 31ST MARCH, 2015

Present: Councillor C Snowball (Chair) and
Councillors Mrs M R Baird, E Bell,
Mrs G Bleasdale, B Burn Jnr, S Cudlip,
Mrs S Forster, R Meir, N R Page, K Shaw,
R Whitehead, K Younger

Apologies: Councillors R Arthur, B Allen,
Mrs B E Allen, Mrs J A Bell, Mrs H Cahill,
I Paul, Miss S Morrison

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 3RD MARCH, 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

4.1 North East Combined Authority

The Committee considered information provided at the recent North East Combined Authority event attended by the two delegates of the Town Council, which provided greater detail of the Authority's proposal.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

5. EAST DURHAM AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP

5.1 Minutes of Meetings

RECOMMENDED the Council accept the minutes from the last meetings of the East Durham AAP's Board and its Education and Job Creation Priority Group.

5.2 Visit to Gurney Valley Traveller Site

The Committee considered a communication from the Secretary of the East Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils which advised of a planned visit to Gurney Valley Traveller site in May. Members were asked to indicate their interest in attending this event as the Association needed to be advised by 14th April.

RECOMMENDED any Councillor who wished to visit the Traveller site advise the Town Clerk who would book his or her place on their behalf.

6. DESTINATION SEAHAM

RECOMMENDED the Council accept the minutes from the last meeting of Destination Seaham which took place on 12th March, 2015.

7. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL'S WELFARE ASSISTANCE SCHEME 2015/16

The Committee considered a communication from Durham County Council, a copy of which was circulated, which detailed changes in the Welfare Assistance Scheme provided by the County Council and a change of contact details.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

8. NALC/CDALC ISSUES:

8.1 CDALC -Cessation Of Membership

The Committee considered an e-mail received from Steve Ragg of CDALC, a copy of which was circulated, which confirmed Seaham Town Council's decision to stop its membership of the County Association.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

8.2 Report Of NALC Chairman And Chief Executive

The Committee considered the Report of the NALC Chairman and Chief Executive dated March, 2015, a copy of which was circulated.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

8.3 NALC – The Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity (England)

The Committee considered the Legal Briefing published by NALC on 1st April, 2011 and updated on 25th March, 2015, a copy of which was circulated.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

9. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

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