

**MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 29TH
SEPTEMBER, 2015**

Present: Councillor I Paul (Chair) and
Councillors B Allen, Mrs B E Allen,
R Arthur, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell,
Mrs G Bleasdale, B Burn Snr,
B Burn Jnr, Miss S Morrison, N R Page,
K Shaw, C Snowball, B Taylor, K Younger

Apologies: Councillors Mrs H Cahill, S Cudlip,
Mrs S Forster

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 1ST SEPTEMBER, 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) Nereo – Making Social Media Work For Councillors

The Committee considered details of the NEREO half day seminar entitled 'Making Social Media Work for Councillors' to be held on Wednesday, 4th November, 2015 at a venue yet to be confirmed.

RECOMMENDED authority be granted for the next two Councillors from the non-overnight rota to attend this event as the Council's representatives and such attendance rank as an approved duty for payment of appropriate allowances.

b) SLCC Course – Cemetery Legal Compliance

The Committee considered details of a one day course arranged by the Society of Local Council Clerks to be held at Spennymoor on Thursday, 15th October, 2015 on 'Cemetery Legal Compliance'.

RECOMMENDED authority be granted for the Deputy Town Clerk and the Senior Clerical Assistant to attend as the Council's representatives and such attendance rank as an approved duty for payment of appropriate allowances.

c) Durham Heritage Coast: Annual Coastal Forum 2015

The Committee considered a communication from Mr Niall Benson of the Durham Heritage Coast which provided details of the Annual Coastal Forum to be held at Horden on Thursday, 8th October, 2015.

RECOMMENDED authority be granted for the Leader of the Council, Councillor E Bell and the Mayor, Councillor B Burn Jnr to attend this event as the Council's representatives and such attendance rank as an approved duty for payment of appropriate allowances; any other Councillor who wishes to attend should convey their interest to the Town Clerk.

5. EAST DURHAM AAP

RECOMMENDED the reports of the meetings of the AAP Priority Groups for MSFOOC, held on 3rd July, 2015; Education and Job Creation held on 16th June, 2015 and Children and Young People held on 18th June, 2015 together with the report of the National Children's Bureau, which was to be held in the Members' Library, be noted.

6. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

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