

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 22ND NOVEMBER, 2016

Present: Councillor I Paul (Chair) and
Councillors, Mrs G Bleasdale, B Burn,
B Burn Jnr, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster,
R Meir, Miss S Morrison, C Snowball,
B Taylor, R Whitehead, K Younger.

Apologies: Councillor R Arthur, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell

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 25th OCTOBER, 2016

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 – Public Speaking for Elected Members

Members are invited to attend a conference on Public Speaking for Elected Members which is to be held on Thursday 12th January, 2017 1.30 – 4.30pm.

RECOMMENDED that the next two Members on the conference list be invited to attend.

b) NEREO – Say No, Mean No – Assertiveness that Works Workshop for Members and Officers

Members and Officers are invited to attend a half day workshop on Assertiveness which is to be held on Monday 23rd January, 2017 1.30-4.30pm.

RECOMMENDED that the next two Members on the conference list be invited to attend.

5. **WELCOME TO DURHAM VOICE**

RECOMMENDED the Council note the publication.

6. **DCLG EXTRACT FROM OPEN AND ACCOUNTABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT – AUGUST 2014**

The Town Clerk stated that it had been brought to his attention the specifics on exempt items. The item was included as a refresher for Members information.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

7. **EAST DURHAM AREA ACTION PLAN**

a) **Minutes of the meeting of the Children and Young People Priority Group – 20th October, 2016**

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

b) **MSFOOC Priority Group – 30th September, 2016**

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

8. **REVISED BUDGET FOR 2016/17 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2017/18**

This was the second opportunity for Members to consider this item. It was noted that the first meeting of the Sub-Committee has taken place and the second meeting was due to take place shortly. It was suggested that the Committee should await the outcomes of the second meeting.

RECOMMENDED that the Council awaits the outcomes of the second budget meeting and then report back to the next meeting.

9. **DURHAM COMMUNITY NEWS**

RECOMMENDED the Council note the publication.

10. **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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