

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 29TH MARCH, 2016

Present: Councillor I Paul (Chair) and
Councillors R Arthur, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell,
Mrs G Bleasdale, B Burn Snr, B Burn Jnr,
Mrs H J Cahill, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster,
R Meir, Miss S Morrison, N R Page,
C Snowball, B Taylor, R Whitehead,
K Younger.

Apologies: Councillor B Allen, Mrs B E Allen, K Shaw.

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 MARCH, 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) Conference Evaluation Forms

The Committee considered the Conference Evaluation Form, completed by the Council's delegate who attended the Tackling Family Poverty Conference at Wakefield, organised by the National Association of Councillors.

RECOMMENDED the Council accept the report.

5. MODEL OF THE SEAHAM COLLIER 'MAUREEN'

The Committee considered correspondence from Mr Ernie Cooper, Secretary of the East Durham Heritage Group which detailed their request to have the model of the Collier 'Maureen' (currently stored in the archives) on loan for display in the Heritage Centre at Seaham Marina. The Group offered to have any current damage to the model repaired by an expert ship modeller. In discussion, Members

agreed it was appropriate for the model to be on public display but concerns were raised that there may have been certain conditions attached to the model when it was donated to the Town Archives. It was therefore agreed that subject to any conditions, the loan of the item be approved for a period of one year and that this be subject to annual review. The group must have appropriate insurance and a small plaque is to be displayed alongside it to denote that the item is on loan from Seaham Town Council. It was also felt that the loan of the item would be an ideal press opportunity for the Mayor to attend when it was installed at the heritage centre.

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) The Council note the information.
- (ii) The Deputy Town Clerk to arrange for the loan of the item for one year subject to confirmation that there are no donation restrictions on the item, the group must provide evidence of appropriate insurance and a small plaque is to be displayed alongside the model to denote that it is on loan from Seaham Town Council. The loan arrangement to be reviewed annually by this Committee.
- (iii) The Deputy Town Clerk to arrange for the Mayor and the press to attend when the model is installed at the heritage centre so that this can be publicised.

6. EAST DURHAM AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP

RECOMMENDED the Council accept the minutes of the meeting of the East Durham AAP's Children and Young People Priority Group, which took place on 4th February, 2016 and the last Board meeting of the East Durham AAP, which took place on 10th February, 2016.

7. NHS CONSULTATION "GETTING CARE RIGHT FOR YOU"

Pursuant to discussion at the previous meeting of this committee, further details on this consultation which runs until 6th June, 2016 were considered by the Committee. Members were also informed that Dr Mansingh and Dr George of Marlborough Surgery will be in attendance at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee on Tuesday 5th April to provide their thoughts on healthcare provision in the Town and to discuss the possible impact of the various options within the consultation. The NHS Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield Community Clinical Commissioning Group have also indicated that there will be consultation with Elected Members in addition to the consultation event at Seaham Golf Club on Wednesday 27th April, 2016.

RECOMMENDED the Council defer comments on the consultation until that meeting.

8. DESTINATION SEAHAM

The Committee considered the minutes of the Destination Seaham group which met on 18th February, 2016. Members were also informed by a Councillor who had attended the recent meeting of the Group held on Thursday 24th March, 2016 that:

- The Wave sculpture wouldn't be loaned by the sculpture to any organisation for display, as it required repair prior to its sale.
- Members of the general public are unable to join in the ASDA litter pick of the beach on health and safety grounds.
- The green token scheme at ASDA, which had been withdrawn on health & safety groups as the tokens presented a choking hazard for young children, is to be reintroduced.

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) The Council note the information.
- (ii) The minutes of the last meeting of the above Group which met on 18th February 2016, be noted.

9. PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALATION AT ctil 205788, vf n/a, tef 075470, SEAHAM HARBOUR GOLF CLUB, SHREWSBURY STREET, SEAHAM, DURHAM, SR7 7RD

Prior to the consideration of this item, Councillor R Arthur declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

The Committee considered correspondence received from Cornerstone Telecommunications Ltd and Telefonica UK Limited which provided details of their proposal to install a radio base station at this location. The companies are consulting with the Town Council prior to submission of a planning application.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information.

10. MINING ART

The Committee considered copies of artwork received from Mr Stephen Williams-Dixon, a former miner at Dawdon, Vane Tempest and Westoe Collieries. Mr Williams-Dixon was enquiring if the Council would wish to display his art work in the Town Hall and in discussion Members agreed that he should be invited to bring his artwork portfolio to a future meeting.

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) The Council note the information.
- (ii) An invitation be extended to Mr Williams-Dixon to attend a future meeting with his artwork portfolio.

11. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

RECOMMENDED that subject to it going ahead, the loan of the model of the collier 'Maureen' as detailed in item number 5, and the various other previous loan of items to the East Durham Heritage Group should be notified to the press to highlight the current and previous support from the Town Council to that group.