

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 26TH APRIL, 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,
S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster, R Meir,
Miss S Morrison, C Snowball, B Taylor,
R Whitehead, K Younger.

Apologies: Councillor B Allen, Mrs B E Allen,
Mrs H J Cahill, 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 29TH 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

4.1 Chairing Skills for Elected Members

The Committee considered details of a half day seminar on the above topic organised by the North East Regional Employers' Organisation on Wednesday, 29th June, 2016 at venue yet to be decided.

RECOMMENDED authority be granted for those Councillors who have not attended this training before, or Councillors who would like a refresher, to attend this event as the Council's representatives and such attendance rank as an approved duty for payment of appropriate allowances.

4.2 NAC Conference Schedule 2016

The Committee considered a schedule of the conferences proposed by the National Association of Councillors for 2016.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported and await further details of each conference in due course.

5. EAST DURHAM AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP

RECOMMENDED the Council accept the minutes of the meetings of the East Durham AAP's Education & Job Creation Group which took place on 21st January, 2016, the Maintaining the Social Fabric of Our Communities Group which took place on 24th February, 2016, the last Board meeting which took place on 9th March, 2016 and the Children and Young People Priority Group, which took place on 17th March, 2016.

6. DESTINATION SEAHAM

The Committee considered the minutes of the recent meeting of this group and it was noted that with regard to item six of the minutes it had been highlighted that the proposed activities were still in the draft stage and were still to be discussed at a future Council Committee meeting when formal approval would be considered. In discussion, Members also noted that a video had been viewed at the meeting which had not been viewed previously by Councillors. It was agreed that in future only information that had been previously considered and approved by the Councillors would be communicated to the Group.

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) The minutes of the last meeting of the above Group which met on 24th March 2016, be noted.
- (ii) Only information that had been previously considered and approved by the Councillors would be communicated to the Group.

7. NHS CONSULTATION "GETTING CARE RIGHT FOR YOU"

Pursuant to previous discussion the Committee was provided with correspondence from the NHS Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield Community Clinical Commissioning Group that indicated there will be an additional consultation event at Seaham Leisure Centre on Friday 20th May, 2016 from 10.00am until noon. Those wishing to attend must register to book a place.

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) The Council note the information now reported.
- (ii) The CCG be requested to indicate the number of spaces made available at the other consultation events in other localities.

8. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

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