

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 17TH MAY, 2016

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

Apologies: Councillor B Allen, Mrs B E Allen,
R Arthur, B Burn Jnr, Mrs H J Cahill,
S Cudlip.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

RECOMMENDED Councillor I Paul be appointed Chair of this Committee for the ensuing year.

(Councillor I Paul in the Chair)

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.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR OF ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

RECOMMENDED Councillor K Younger be appointed Vice-Chair of this Committee for the ensuing year.

3. 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.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 26TH APRIL, 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.

5. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

RECOMMENDED the list of conference appointments a copy of which had been previously circulated, be approved.

6. CONFERENCES, COURSES AND SEMINARS

6.1 National Summer Conference – Transport Networks/Access for Communities

The Committee considered details of the Transport Networks/Access for Communities conference arranged by the National Association of Councillors, a copy of which had been previously circulated. The conference was to be held in Southport on 24th to 26th June, 2016. In discussion Members raised concerns that the report from the Council's representatives at the last conference had not been reported. Members also felt that close monitoring of the number of conferences attended should take place to ensure it remains within budget.

RECOMMENDED that the next two Councillors from the appropriate rota be authorised to attend this event as the Council's representatives, and such attendance rank as an approved duty for payment of appropriate allowances; the bookings would not be made until places were confirmed by Members wishing to attend.

7. EAST DURHAM CREATES

RECOMMENDED the Council note the publication.

8. NHS CONSULTATION "GETTING CARE RIGHT FOR YOU"

Pursuant to previous discussion the Committee was provided with the response received from the NHS Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield Community Clinical Commissioning Group with regard to the number of spaces made available at other consultation events in other localities.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information.

9. DURHAM VOICE

RECOMMENDED the Council note the publication.

10. REACH FOR THE BEACH EVENT

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information.

11. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

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