

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 28TH FEBRUARY, 2017

Present: Councillor K Younger (Chair) and Councillors, R Arthur, Mrs M R Baird, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale, B Burn, B Burn Jnr, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster, R Meir, K Shaw, C Snowball, R Whitehead.

Apologies: Councillor B Allen, Mrs B E Allen, Mrs H J Cahill, Miss S Morrison, I Paul, B Taylor.

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 31ST JANUARY, 2017

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 that:

- a) The list of conference appointments a copy of which had been previously circulated, be approved.
- b) When it has not been possible to contact a Member to determine if they wish to attend a conference that this be recorded as 'No response in the appropriate time' on the rota.

4. CONFERENCES, COURSES AND SEMINARS

a) NEREO – General Data Protection Regulation

The Committee considered details of General Data Protection Regulation half-day seminars arranged by NEREO, a copy of which had been previously circulated. The half-day seminars are to be held in Chester-le-Street on 4th April, 2017.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk attend the relevant seminar, and such attendance rank as an approved duty for payment of appropriate allowances.

b) Evaluation Form

RECOMMENDED that the Council accept the report from the Say No, Mean No Assertiveness course, organised by NEREO, which was attended by Councillors Mrs J A Bell and K Younger.

5. EAST DURHAM AREA ACTION PLAN

a) Board Meeting – 14th December, 2016

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

b) Health, Mental Health, and Wellbeing Priority Group – 1st December, 2016

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

6. DESTINATION SEAHAM

The Chair informed Members that he had attended the most recent meeting of the Group held on Thursday 23rd February, 2017 and provided the following information to the Committee:

- Events are to be held in Byron Place to mark the 10th anniversary of the shopping centre. There are approximately 52,000 people visiting the centre per week and Costa coffee has been a great success.
- The Seaham Lodge of Freemasons celebrates it's 300th year in 2017 and it is holding an open day at the Masonic Hall on Saturday 24th June, 2017 to mark the milestone.

RECOMMENDED the minutes of the meeting of the Group which met on 14th December 2016, be noted.

7. SEAHAM SEA CADETS

A Member highlighted that the Sea Cadets are holding an event on Saturday 11th March, 2017. The HMS Seaham ship's bell is to be presented by the son of the 1st Lieutenant of HMS Seaham. In accordance with previous instructions the cigarette case of the former captain of HMS Seaham will also be presented to the Sea Cadets on long term loan from the town archives for display in their new premises. It was noted that the Mayor and Councillors have been invited to attend the event.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

8. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

RECOMMENDED that the presentation of the cigarette case by the Council at the Sea Cadet event be publicised.