

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 28th AUGUST, 2018

Present: Councillor D McKenna (Chair) and Councillors Mrs B E Allen, R Arthur, E Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale, S P Colborn, S Cudlip, Mrs V Cummings, Mrs S Forster, Ms R M Gratton, G N Hepworth, Mrs L Kennedy, T Shepherd, B Taylor, Miss L Willis.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs J A Bell, Mrs K Brace, D Cummings, Mrs S Pratt.

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 19th JUNE, 2018

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 the Committee note the information.

4. CONFERENCES, COURSES AND SEMINARS

a) NAC Conference – Tackling Austerity Through Innovation

It was noted that austerity has been at the forefront of all Councils for several years now and it was noted that any advice or knowledge that can be gained to make savings is worthwhile for all Councils.

RECOMMENDED that the next two Members on the conference rota should attend the conference.

5. DESTINATION SEAHAM

A Member noted that Destination Seaham had been discussing defibrillators in Seaham. The Member stated that this was brought to Destination Seaham before it

had been brought to the Town Council for discussion. He noted that Destination Seaham is an advisory meeting and items should not be discussed at this meeting

prior to items being discussed at Council meetings. The Acting Town Clerk stated that it had been raised by a member of Destination Seaham as the Masonic Hall are planning to install a defibrillator. A Member stated that she had raised this also at Destination Seaham as herself and another County Councillor have donated money for the Marina to have a defibrillator.

Members discussed the Town Council representation and it was noted that Councillor Mrs L Kennedy and Councillor S Colborn are the current representatives. Councillor Colborn wished to be removed as the representative as he is unable to attend day time meetings.

A Member stated that the whole of Seaham needs to be looked at to see where defibrillators are best placed and a professional should be contacted to offer the Town Council advice on this matter.

A Member suggested that all Members should try and attend a Destination Seaham meeting. It was noted that the next meeting is due to take place on 4th October, 2018 at 11.00am.

RECOMMENDED that a professional be contacted to look at possible sites for defibrillators across the whole of Seaham.

6. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

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