

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 28TH MAY, 2019

Present: Councillor B Taylor (Standing Chair) and
Mrs B E Allen, R Arthur, Mrs K Brace,
S P Colborn, S Cudlip, D Cummings,
Mrs V Cummings, Mrs S Forster,
Ms R M Gratton, G N Hepworth,
Mrs L Kennedy, T Shepherd,
R Whitehead.

Apologies: Councillors E Bell, Mrs J Bell,
Mrs G Bleasdale, D McKenna, Mrs S Pratt,
K Shaw, Miss L Willis.

Officers: P Fletcher (Deputy Town Clerk)
Ms A Rountree (Minute Taker)

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.

Prior to the meeting commencing a Member enquired to the health of Councillor Miss Willis and requested that the Town Councils best wishes were sent to her for a speedy recovery.

AI33/19 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. Such interests must be submitted to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

AI34/19 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

RECOMMENDED that Councillor Mrs J Bell be appointed Chair of this Committee for the ensuing year.

AI35/19 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR OF ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

RECOMMENDED that Councillor D McKenna be appointed Vice-Chair of this Committee for the ensuing year.

(In the absence of both Councillor Mrs J Bell and D McKenna, Councillor B Taylor, Deputy Mayor chaired the meeting).

AI36/19 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 30th APRIL, 2019**

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.

AI37/19 **CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS**

RECOMMENDED that the Committee note the information.

AI38/19 **CONFERENCES, COURSES AND SEMINARS**

a) **NEREO HALF DAY WORKSHOPS – MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID**

RECOMMENDED that if any Members wished to attend they should contact the Deputy Town Clerk.

b) **FREE VAT EVENT – 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2019**

RECOMMENDED that approval be given to the Town Clerk and Finance Officer to attend this event.

c) **NAC – REGENERATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES CONFERENCE**

Members discussed the value of attending this conference. A Member questioned how much input the Town Council would actually have in relation to regeneration as this would be a County Council issue and moved that this conference should not be attended. Another Member stated that Seaham Town Council had previously been involved with regeneration discussions along with the County Council and the Town Council were able to facilitate and noted that the Town Council cannot influence changes if they are not present and felt that it would be useful for two Members to attend the conference.

This item then went to a vote:

Vote – for attending the conference (5)
 against attending the conference (7)

RECOMMENDED that this conference not be attended.

d) **COUNCILLOR TRAINING SESSION**

RECOMMENDED if any Members wish to attend they should contact the Deputy Town Clerk.

e) **NEREO ONE DAY SEMINAR – EMPLOYMENT LAW UPDATE**

RECOMMENDED that Officers should attend this seminar if they wished to do so.

f) **UK MEETING CENTRES SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

RECOMMENDED that if any Members wish to attend they should contact the Deputy Town Clerk.

AI39/19 **SEAHAM SEASIDE MARKET**

The Deputy Town Clerk stated that some Members had given him information of suggested stalls which he had passed on to Events To Go Go.

A Member questioned whether Officers had any numbers on the amounts of stalls that were attending the market and asked if Members could be provided with this information on a monthly basis so they could see if the market was doing well.

RECOMMENDED that a list of numbers of stalls is provided to Members on a monthly basis.

A40/19 **DESTINATION SEAHAM**

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.

AI41/19 **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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