

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2019

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

Apologies: Councillors, D Cummings,
Mrs V Cummings, Mrs S Pratt,
K Shaw.

Officers: Mrs D Rickaby (Town Clerk)
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.

AI50/19 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.

A Member questioned why the original meeting date had been changed from 27th August to today. The Town Clerk stated that the meeting date was set for August which is Council recess and she had been given permission by both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to change the date. A Member noted that it was a Council decision to change the dates and not just the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and all Members should be consulted in the future. The Town Clerk stated that she had advised all Members via email of the changes to dates.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.

AI51/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 25th JUNE, 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.

AI52/19 **CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS**

RECOMMENDED that the Committee note the information.

AI53/19 **CONFERENCES, COURSES AND SEMINARS**

a) **COMMUNITY HUBS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

A Member questioned whether this conference would give the Town Council any added value. It was noted that this conference is also the Annual General Meeting and two Members should attend so the Town Council can have any input if there are nominations.

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

AI54/19 **OPENING OF A STATE OF THE ART BUSINESS CENTRE IN SEAHAM**

Members noted that this was good for Seaham and the Town Council should support this venture.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.

AI55/19 **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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