

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 7th JANUARY, 2020

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

Apologies: Councillors Mrs G Bleasdale,
D Cummings, Mrs V Cummings,
Mrs S Pratt.

Officers: Mrs D Rickaby (Town Clerk)
P Fletcher (Deputy Town Clerk)
Miss 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.

AI62/20 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.

AI63/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 22nd OCTOBER, 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.

AI64/20 CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

RECOMMENDED that the Committee note the information.

AI65/20 PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

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

AI66/20 FOODBANK DONATIONS

A Member stated that it was agreed before Christmas by Members to make a donation to St Hilda's Church Foodbank and Dawdon Community Centre Foodbank and questioned whether this had been carried out.

It was noted that Officers were unable to get a response from both organisations to be able to transfer the funds to them prior to Christmas, but both had been contacted today and arrangements were in place to transfer

money to them. However, Parkside Community Centre had received a donation prior to Christmas.

Members noted that they were unaware that Parkside Community Centre had a foodbank and the original discussion held by Members suggested both of the organisations in Dawdon. It was noted that the discussion at the Budget Sub-Committee was to put funds in the next financial years budget so this could be carried out for Christmas 2020 and it was later suggested to do this for Christmas 2019 which Members agreed to. Members agreed that for Christmas 2020 donations, there should be an application process put in place for organisations to apply to the Council so all organisations have an opportunity.

A Member noted that they did not have a problem with Parkside Community Centre Foodbank receiving a donation the problem was that this had not been agreed by the Council and the two organisations which had been agreed to had not received any money prior to Christmas and they should have received the money first.

It was noted that any changes to decisions made should be communicated to all Members for agreement.