

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH JULY, 2021

Present: Councillors K Routledge (Chair) and R Arthur, Mrs J A Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale, Mrs K Brace, Mrs S Forster, D Harding, R Lowery, J MacVeigh, Miss S Morrison, J Purvis, K Shaw, C J Thompson, Miss J Watson, S Wayman, R Whitehead.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs L Kennedy, Mrs S Lingard.

Observers: Councillors Mrs H Cahill, Mrs R Charlton-Lainé, Mrs G M Fuller.

Officers: P Fletcher (Deputy Town Clerk), C Halliday (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.

AI15/21 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.

AI16/21 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 1ST JUNE, 2021

RECOMMENDED the Minutes of these meetings, copies of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, were approved at the Full Council meeting held on 22nd June, 2021 and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

AI17/21 CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

A draft rota was provided which was compiled in a randomised format.

A Councillor requested all conferences be vetted for value for money and the benefit it provides to the Council. If a particular Councillor has an interest in the subject matter, then they be given priority, whilst avoiding the instances where the same Councillors attend all of the conferences. If there is no particular interest in the conference topic, then it be offered through the rota.

RECOMMENDED that:

- i. The draft rota be approved.
- ii. All conferences are vetted and priority in attendance offered to Councillors with an interest in the subject matter before it being offered through the rota.

AI18/21 **SEAHAM TODAY**

In discussion Members requested the newsletter be produced in house to reduce costs. It was also requested if online options could be explored prior to September when it is suggested to review if the next edition is to go ahead.

RECOMMENDED that the magazine be produced in house and online distribution options be explored prior to September.

AI19/21 **SCHOOL FLAG PROJECT**

It was noted the banner is completed and mounted on the railings of Seaham Town Hall and a social media post has been published. Once the flag arrives it is to be raised at Seaham Town Hall.

A Member requested if the flag could also be sited at the Terrace Green flagpole after Seaham Town Hall.

RECOMMENDED that the flag also be raised at Terrace Green.

AI20/21 **ORIGAMI WORKING PARTY**

Members were advised the Councillors which expressed an interest previously would be informed of the dates and times of the Working Party in due course.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information provided.

AI21/21 **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

RECOMMENDED that the flag project be publicised once the flag is installed.

The meeting was then closed by the Chair.