

Minutes of a meeting of the Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Place, Newbury on Monday 1 July 2019 at 7.30pm

Present

Councillors Phil Barnett; Martin Colston; Billy Drummond; Sue Farrant; Nigel Foot; Olivia Lewis; David Marsh; Gary Norman; Erik Pattenden; Sarah Slack (Vice-Chairperson).

Officers present:

Joyce Lewis, Civic Manager

Margaret Gore, Corporate Services Officer.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Martin Colston, presided over the Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson**1. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson**

Proposed: Councillor Martin Colston

Seconded: Councillor Gary Norman

Resolved: That Councillor Jo Day be elected as Chairperson of the Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure Committee for the Municipal Year 2019/2020.

There were no other nominations.

Proposed: Councillor Martin Colston

Seconded: Councillor Olivia Lewis

Resolved: That Councillor Sarah Slack be elected as Vice-Chairperson of the Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure Committee for the Municipal Year 2019/2020.

In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, Councillor Sarah Slack presided over the remainder of the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Councillor: Jo Day

Absent: Councillor Jeff Cant

3. Declaration of Interest and Dispensations

The Civic Manager declared that Councillors Phil Barnett, Billy Drummond, David Marsh and Erik Pattenden are also Members of West Berkshire Council, which is

declared as a general interest on their behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow them to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business.

4. Minutes

Proposed: Councillor Billy Drummond

Seconded: Councillor Sue Farrant

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure Committee held on Monday 19 November 2019 and 25 February 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

5. Questions and petitions from members of the public

There were none.

6. Members' questions and petitions

There were none.

The Vice-Chairperson, Councillor Sarah Slack agreed that agenda Item 12 (Jack of Newbury Statue Project) be discussed at this time.

7. Music in the Market Place

Proposed: Councillor Sue Farrant

Seconded: Councillor Billy Drummond

Resolved: That Music in the Market Place event be removed from the Forward Work Programme. The future of this event to be reviewed at the next meeting.

8. Newbury Art Trail

Proposed: Councillor Gary Norman

Seconded: Councillor Martin Colston

Resolved: That Councillor Sue Farrant work alongside the Civic Manager, Joyce Lewis to consider the wording and photographs for a new information panel for Lock Island's Ebb & Flow work of art.

9. Newbury & District Arts Association (previously Forum)

Proposed: Councillor Sue Farrant

Seconded: Councillor Gary Norman

Resolved: That Members approve of this organisation operating without support from Newbury Town Council and that a report on its progress is expected at the meeting of this committee in November. This item will be added to the CPA&L Work Programme for December.

10. Newbury Town Civic Awards 2019

The report on the 2019 Newbury Town Civic Awards was received and noted by the Committee. It was suggested that consideration could be given to some form of Green award in the future.

11. Community Clean 2019

Members received a report on the 2019 Community Clean Event which took place on the afternoon of Saturday 23 March 2019. After a short discussion, Members agreed that this should take place on a more regular basis.

Proposed: Councillor David Marsh

Seconded: Councillor Sue Farrant

Resolved: That Members put together a report with suggestions for future Community Clean event to be discussed at the next meeting of this Committee scheduled for Monday 2 September 2019.

12. Jack of Newbury Statue Project

Members received a presentation from Dr David Peacock, local historian, the Artist, Luke Webb, and Garry Poulson who is Chairperson of the fundraising committee for this project.

This item will be on the September agenda and Garry Poulson should be invited to give the committee an update on the financial position of the project.

13. Heritage Open Day

The information regarding the opening to the public of the Town Hall for Heritage Open Day, was received and noted by the Committee. It was also noted that volunteers would be requested nearer the time to Steward the event.

14. The Twinning of Newbury with Carcaixent, Spain

The information regarding the twinning ceremony for the second stage of the twinning between Newbury and Carcaixent in Spain that is taking place on Saturday 13 July 2019 in the Corn Exchange, was received and noted by the Committee.

15. Mayoral Honours Boards

Proposed: Councillor Billy Drummond

Seconded: Councillor Sue Farrant

Resolved: To commission a report into the preservation of the Mayoral Honours Boards in the Council Chamber.

16. 75th Anniversary of VE Day 8-10 May 2020

The information regarding the national and local celebrations and commemorations that will take place to recognise the 75th Anniversary of VE Day was noted by the Committee.

Proposed: Councillor Martin Colston

Seconded: Councillor Sue Farrant

Resolved: That a working group be set up to consider local celebrations and commemorations for this event.

17. Raising the Profile of the Council in the Community

The information regarding the letters of congratulations that the Mayor of Newbury has sent to residents and organisations in the community since the last meeting was noted by the Committee.

18. Forward Work Programme for Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure Committee meetings 2019/20

It was agreed that the following items be amended for future agendas:

- Remove – Music in the Market Place
- Add – Newbury Art Trail Leaflet

Proposed: Councillor Nigel Foot

Seconded: Councillor Erik Pattenden

Resolved: That a working group, consisting of Councillors Sue Farrant, Nigel Foot, Gary Norman, and Erik Pattenden be formed to consider the best way to act on Strategy Point TL8 – Encourage residents' participation in social, recreational and sporting activities.

19. Civic Events

- a) The information regarding Civic events held since the last meeting of this Committee was received and noted.
- b) The information relating to future Civic Events as detailed on the agenda was received and noted by the Committee.
- c) There were no additional ideas for suggested or potential future events or activities.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Chairperson