

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Keynsham Arts Joint Committee held on Monday 9th March 2015 at
10.30 a.m. in the Town Council Offices

PRESENT: Councillors T Crouch, C Fricker, L O'Brien and B Simmons.

IN ATTENDANCE: A Cullis (Senior Arts Development – B&NES) and J Swift (KTC).

39. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor G Hellier.

40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none.

41. NON DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There was none.

42. DISPENSATIONS

There was none.

43. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2014 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

44. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

45. B&NES ARTS DEVELOPMENT

2015/16 - Bath & North East Somerset Council's Arts Development budget to Keynsham Town Council for 2015/16 will be **£5,000**.

The allocation of £5,000 is conditional on its being used to support the arts in Keynsham. It has been agreed that Keynsham Town Council will continue to operate a fund for small arts grants, to which the B&NES Council allocation will be added, and will continue to programme the bandstand performances and publish a quarterly Arts Newsletter. It was mentioned that the Arts Plan will be taken to the next meeting of the Joint Arts Committee for approval.

The Council's total budget for Arts Development for 2015/16 has been set at 'standstill' – in the current financial climate, this indicates strong support for the arts from the Council Administration.

Future years - all local authorities face ever-increasing pressures on financial resources. There is an expectation that there is to be a 20% saving across all

services for 3 years from 2016/17 onwards, consequently there could be a reduction of the Arts Development budget for 2016/17 which might need to be reflected in the level of funding available to the Town Council and to all arts organisations. Ann will keep the Committee informed when the budget-setting process for 2016/17 commences in Autumn 2015.

Keynsham Music Festival - the grant for 2015/16 has been confirmed at same level. Contracts have more of a commitment than a grant as they tend to be for longer. Keynsham Music Festival has a contract.

RESOLVED:

That the information is noted.

46. ARTS ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Clock Tower – a lot of progress has been made on the detail of the design on the clock. Workshops have taken place and have provided further feeds and links for the artist to develop his research. Following on from that, the artist has developed a mechanism for ceramic paint to be burnt into glass for the clock sides. A hide and seek theme will be detailed in the design for interest. Some images were handed out.

At a recent meeting, the details were finalised. It is hoped that postcards, books etc. providing information will be available for those interested. The design is now virtually finished, the next stage is for the materials to be purchased and put together.

Schools have been involved in the recreation of the famous 'Five Boys' Fry's advert which included 5 boys and 5 girls. These images have now been done and will be released at a later date.

The Sargent Peppers picture will be recreated with some young people from TimeOut along with those who have contributed to the design will also be included on this.

Saturday 6th June will be the formal opening ceremony – details to follow.

Timeline – the artist had all day sessions with all the schools in Keynsham for the to produce images of Keynsham. A portfolio of the drawings was passed around to the Committee. The images will now be used for the timeline; the artist is presently working on this. development; this area has now been completed. The images will be produced onto an enamel/acrylic type material and they will go onto the wood on the Bath Hill steps of the new development; this area has now been completed. Money will be provided by B&NES Council.

It is envisaged that the opening will be around the same time as the opening of the Clock Tower. Sara Dixon to be asked whether or not B&NES Council dignitaries will want to open it or not.

47. CURRENT ARTS ACTIVITIES IN KEYNSHAM

The performance space in the Community Space is being increasingly used now which is positive. There is a book launch by the author Trevor Stubbs in April. There are lots of activities going on in Keynsham some of which are detailed in the Town Council's Spring Arts Newsletter.

48. ROUNABOUT ARTS TRAIL

It has been suggested that the Arts Trail expands to include photography. Information regarding this will be sent to Ann for her to circulate.

49. ARTS SPRING NEWSLETTER

There were copies of the Newsletter available for the Committee.

50. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the scheduled date and time of the next Keynsham Arts Joint Committee is Monday 22nd June 2015 at 10.30 am in the Town Council office.

The meeting ended at 11.14pm.

Signed: Date:
(Chairman)