

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Arts Joint Committee meeting held on Wednesday 4th April 2018
at 10.30 a.m. in the Town Council Offices

PRESENT: Keynsham Town Councillors J Cron, T Crouch, S Edwards, C Fricker,
L O'Brien (Chairman), H MacFie,
Cllr P Myers (B&NES)
Co-opted (Non-voting) Members R Davison

IN ATTENDANCE: D Drury (Deputy Town Clerk KTC) and C Scott (Town Clerk KTC)

48. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor A Hale, Ann Cullis (B&NES) and J Tymkow.

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

50. DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

51. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2018 (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

52. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

53. RESOLVED

To alter the order of business and take Agenda Item 7 at this point (Standing Order 33(e) refers)

54. REPORT ON B&NES COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND BUDGET CHALLENGES

Councillor Paul Myers, Cabinet Member for Economic & Community Regeneration gave his report.

- (a) The Adult Social Care provision had driven down the amount available for Arts Funding with the withdrawal of the smaller Arts Grants this year. Apart from the £7500 to Keynsham, there were only two other projects – via contractors - to generate increased public involvement in Arts activities in Somer Valley and Bath Foxhill.

- (b) Cllr Myers requested information on Keynsham's current Arts activities in response to the £7.5k grant from B&NES and was informed by the Chairman that £2.5k went to the Music Festival (together with £18k from the Town Council). The remaining £5k went towards ring-fenced Arts Grants for community organisations. The Town Council match funded with £6.5k on Bandstand events and £250 on the Quarterly Arts Newsletter. The Town Council had also committed a capital sum towards the planned National Theatre Live Streaming to be held at The Space by Keynsham Arts Consortium.
- (c) Cllr Myers was concerned to ensure that the market towns were included in B&NES Arts Development and suggested a joint meeting between Keynsham and Midsomer Norton to develop a case for joint funding on the basis of
 - (i) Health and Wellbeing and
 - (ii) Tourism and Regeneration.
- (d) Cllr Myers then updated the Committee on Bath Tourism Plus, expressing some concerns at the fact the main focus remained on Bath with little support for the market towns. The role of Visit Somerset was discussed.
- (e) The Town Clerk advised the Committee that the Tourism and Marketing Working Group, which contained representatives from both the Arts Joint Committee and the NDP Heritage & Tourism Topic Group, was the appropriate group to make recommendations to the Town Council on any bid relating to tourism and regeneration.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

55. TERMS OF REFERENCE/RE-NAMING OF ARTS JOINT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

- (i) That Arts Joint Committee keep its name and that 2 B&NES Councillors (Ward Councillor and Cabinet Member) are invited members of the Committee with voting rights.
- (ii) To accept the other clarifying changes to the Terms of Reference as proposed by Internal Audit & Policy Committee.

56. B&NES ARTS DEVELOPMENT GRANT

A letter has been received from B&NES detailing the award of an Arts grant for 2018/19 to the value of £7500. £5000 is for Arts grants and £2500 is a grant for Keynsham Music Festival Association. Town Council confirmed its acceptance of the terms of the award at its meeting of March 13th 2018.

RESOLVED:

To note the above.

57. TIMELINE PROJECT UPDATE

An update prepared by Ann Cullis was previously circulated. The Committee was asked to consider if it wished to seek approval from the Town Council to allocate £940 from the Timeline earmarked reserve for the cost of reconfiguring the TimeLine Panels. (Minute 44 refers)

On further discussion it was realised that the cost of correcting some historical mistakes had not been alluded to in the report and it was not clear if the £940 quoted also included this.

RESOLVED:

- (i) Town Clerk to request hard copy images of all panels from Ann Cullis.
- (ii) That Cllrs O'Brien and Cron, R Davison and Brian Vowles meet to review each panel for historical accuracy and provide a list to Ann Cullis accordingly to discuss with the artist.
- (iii) That a recommendation be made to the June Town Council meeting that £940 be released from the TimeLine Ear Marked Reserves to cover the additional fee to the artist.

Clerks note: if a further quote from the artist is necessary to correct any historical inaccuracies then this would need to be considered at the July meeting of Arts Joint Committee for submission to the July Town Council meeting.

58. GWR PROJECT

RESOLVED:

- (i) The next theme running from October to January will be WW1 Troops and Trains. The Poppy cascade poster followed by a Winter Festival poster would occupy the 12th cabinet.
- (ii) Committee to review the protocol for allocating themes/cabinets at the next meeting.

59. LIVE STREAMING UPDATE

The Clerk had previously circulated a report on progress and advised the Committee that the live streaming project was a Keynsham Arts Consortium initiative and it was up to them (and not the Town Clerk) to make suitable arrangements with B&NES including any legal agreements. The Town Council had purely agreed to purchase a satellite box and the Clerk could not expedite this until it had been established between KAC and B&NES whether the project was technically feasible. As the expenditure had been committed out of last years budget, the Town Clerk would ensure it was carried forwards into an earmarked reserve for 2018-19.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr MacFie be nominated to assist Keynsham Arts Consortium (Ric Davison) to expedite the live streaming project.

60. THE SPACE UPDATE

Ric Davison provided an update to the Committee as follows:

- (a) More tickets needed to be sold for the JustCentre4Stage Tempest and Murray classical event on 21st April – on this occasion it had been decided to grant concessions to under 23 rather than the over 60's.
- (b) Theatre Group Brassworks would be staging a WW1-themed production In the Autumn.
- (c) Grenville Jones would be working with local choirs on WW1 Music event.

RESOLVED:

To note the above

61. CURRENT ARTS ACTIVITIES IN KEYNSHAM

- (a) Joe Tymkow was assisting Keynsham in Bloom making wooden sea creatures for the bottle top project.
- (b) Arts Space would be having a tent at the Music Festival.
- (c) This year Keynsham Music Festival were staging a full opera production of La Boheme on Thursday 28th June.

62. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the date of the next meeting be scheduled for Wednesday 12th July at 10.30 a.m.

The meeting closed at 12.25 p.m.

Signed: Date:
(Chairman)