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CULTURE AND CIVIC CENTRE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE CULTURE AND CIVIC CENTRE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 3 JUNE 2021.

Present:

Cllrs: A. Hall (Chair), G. Ebbs, R. Hall, M. Phipps, M. Ridgway

In Attendance:

Cllr R. Hewson

Cllr. P. Lea

Cllr J. Thornton

Andy Cooper – Minute Taker

1 Member of the Public

1. Election of Vice Chairman

Following a proposal by Cllr Ridgway, seconded by Cllr Phipps, **CCC/1/2122 RESOLVED** to elect Cllr R. Hall as Vice-Chair. All in favour – motion carried.

2. Apologies

Cllr A. Cooper – due to illness.

3. Declarations of Interest

No specific declarations were received with regard to this agenda.

4. Minutes

Publication of the minutes of the Culture and Civic Centre Committee meeting held on the 1 April 2021 have been delayed due to sickness, it is expected they will be presented for approval at the next committee meeting.

5. Public Participation

Following a proposal by Cllr A. Hall, seconded by Cllr Ridgway, **CCC/2/2122 RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders. All in favour – motion carried.

Members of the public are invited to make representations, ask questions, and give evidence in respect of business being transacted at the meeting.

Clare Bellingham from Blackberry Fair Community Interest Group presented to the Committee. The Blackberry Fair event will not be taking place again this year to ensure safety considerations. Instead a Sculpture Trail is planned – commissioning 10 artists with the brief of Togetherness. Plans for the trail will be forwarded in due course.

As the Council has previously committed to funding for Blackberry Fair - Cllr Hall will check with Cllr Chesters (Chair of Finance) what funding is in place for 2020 and 2021. Cllr A. Hall will inform Clare Bellingham of the outcome.

As a matter of awareness raising in the first instance Clare Bellingham informed the Committee that The Makers Market will no longer be coming to Whitchurch. Blackberry Fair is interested in working in partnership with the Council to produce and manage a market. An initial discussion has taken place with the Town Manager and Facilities Manager.

Following a proposal by Cllr A. Hall, seconded by Cllr Ebbs, **CCC/3/2122 RESOLVED** to reinstate return to Standing Orders. All in favour – motion carried.

6. Accounts Update

Committee accounts for months 12 and 1 currently unavailable.

7. Council Resolution Record

Updated Culture and Civic Centre Resolution Record currently unavailable.

8. Bar Lounge Refurbishment

Verbal report from Cllr A. Hall.

Following a proposal by Cllr A. Hall, seconded by Cllr Phipps, **CCC/4/2122 RESOLVED** to set up a small working group to consider refurbishment. All in favour – motion carried.

Refurbishment working group to include:

Cllrs: A. Hall, R. Hall, P. Lea, M. Ridgway, J. Sinnott

Following a proposal by Cllr A. Hall, seconded by Cllr Phipps, **CCC/5/2122 RESOLVED** to discuss refurbishment at a meeting (tba) with Mark Barrow Executive Director for Place at Shropshire County Council. All in favour – motion carried.

As a matter of urgency Cllr A. Hall will sort out an additional evacuation chair to be placed by the fire escape from the Bar Lounge. Currently, the only evacuation chair is at the top of the stairs between both rooms.

9. Stage Lighting and Sound Equipment

- (i) Still awaiting an update on the validity of the Health and Safety Certificate. The Acting Clerk was asked to check on this but is currently on sick leave. **Needs to be actioned as a matter of urgency.**
- (ii) Following a proposal by Cllr A. Hall, seconded by Cllr Phipps, **CCC/6/2122 RESOLVED** that Cllr A. Hall explore the possibility of purchasing a second-hand sound system and associated costs, to be discussed at a further meeting. All in favour – motion carried.

10. Main Hall Bar Refurbishment

Verbal report from Cllr A. Hall.

Following a proposal by Cllr A. Ebbs, seconded by Cllr A. Hall, **CCC/7/2122 RESOLVED** to expand the remit of the Bar Lounge Refurbishment Working Group to incorporate refurbishment issues of the whole of the premises. New group to be entitled Civic Centre Refurbishment Working Group. All in favour – motion carried.

11. Veranda Update

Verbal report from Cllr A. Hall. The veranda to be added to the agenda at the meeting with Mark Barrow Executive Director for Place at Shropshire County Council (tba).

12. Market Hall Heating

Following a proposal by Cllr A. Hall, seconded by Cllr Phipps, **CCC/8/2122 RESOLVED** that Cllr A. Hall requests that Cllr Sinnott's report on heating be placed on the agenda at the Town Council Meeting on 17 June. All in favour – motion carried.

13. Market Hall Mezzanine Floor

Following a proposal by Cllr A. Hall, seconded by Cllr Ridgway, **CCC/9/2122 RESOLVED** that the Market Hall mezzanine floor be added to the remit of the Civic Centre Refurbishment Working Group. All in favour – motion carried.

Following a proposal by Cllr Ebbs, seconded by Cllr A. Hall, **CCC/10/2122 RESOLVED** that the Youth Working Group (to be proposed by Cllr Ebbs at the next Town Council meeting) link with the Refurbishment Working Group. All in favour – motion carried.

14. Youth Provision in the Market Hall

Following a proposal by Cllr A. Hall, seconded by Cllr Phipps, **CCC/11/2122 RESOLVED** that Shropshire Youth Association can still use the Market Hall free of charge until an agreed given date. All in favour – motion carried.

15. Any other business

Cllr A. Hall agreed to check if there is funding for a projector.

Cllr A. Hall agreed to ask for the position on funding for raked seating to be put on the agenda for the Town Council meeting on 17 June.

Cllr A. Hall agreed agenda items for the next Committee on 1 July 2021 to include how to revive and promote the market and review of Civic Centre charges

Cllr A. Hall agreed to circulate the floor plans of the Civic Centre to the Committee.

Meeting closed at 8:53 p.m.

Chair..... Date.....