

minutes

Meeting	CULTURE COMMITTEE	
Date	8 October 2013	(commencing at 10:30 am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

John Knight (Chairman)
Alan Bell (Vice-Chairman)
Pauline Allan
Chris Barnfather
John Cottey
Maureen Dobson
Sybil Fielding
Alice Grice
Tom Hollis
Roger Jackson
Yvonne Woodhead

Ex-officio (non-voting)

A Alan Rhodes

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

None.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Derek Higton - Service Director, Youth, Families and Cultural Services
Sue Cullen - Cultural and Enrichment Services
Gareth Broome – Countryside service manager
Ted Woodisse – Forestry and Land Management Officer
Mark Dorrington – Team Manager Archives
Peter Gaw - Group Manager Libraries, Archives & Information
Sally Gill – Group Manager Planning
Philippa Milbourne – Children Families and Cultural Services
Heather Stokes - Team Manager, Conservation
Martin Gately - Democratic Services Officer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kevin Thomas – SERCO
Jamie Bryant - SERCO

MEMBERSHIP

It was reported that Councillor Yvonne Woodhead had been appointed to the Committee in place of Councillor John Clarke for this meeting only.

The committee marked the passing of former County Councillor Andy Stewart with a minute of silence.

The committee thanked Mark Dorrington for his ten years of work at the County Archives and wished him well in his new post at the University of Nottingham.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2013

The minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd July were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

INTRODUCTION TO SERVICES – SPORTS AND ARTS

Sue Cullen gave a presentation to the Committee on Sports & Arts Development. Members heard that the service developed the sporting and creative talents of Nottinghamshire communities by nurturing the artistic and sporting aspirations of our young people and supporting sportspeople, sporting clubs, artists and creative organisations to flourish while increasing opportunities for everyone to enjoy high quality sports and arts.

In response to comments and questions Ms Cullen indicated that the service was embarking on a creative people and places project which would receive money from the Arts Council to work on areas of least engagement, and this would include Mansfield and Ashfield. Members commended the work of the Village Ventures performance group.

Members welcomed the presentation and invaluable work being undertaken by the department.

RESOLVED 2013/41

That the introductory report be noted and commented upon.

NATIONAL WATER SPORTS CENTRE – PROGRESS REPORT

Kevin Thomas and Jamie Bryant presented an update on the contract and associated works programme at the National Water Sports Centre. Members heard that the County Council's vision for the NWSC was for an accessible, high quality family activity and sporting centre with an adventurous flavour set in stunning green space. In practical terms, this means striking a balance between elite sport and community/family facilities, retaining the regatta lake and white water course, as well as retaining the centre's attractive green space. New facilities included: a

new 60-80 station community gym (to open January 2014), a family zone sky trail (to be completed March 2014), and E-Combat (which opened in May).

RESOLVED 2013/42

That the update on the National Water Sports Centre management and development contract be noted.

SERVICE UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD UP TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2013

RESOLVED: 2013/43

That the report be noted.

PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT (QUARTER 1)

RESOLVED: 2013/44

That the update on a range of issues being undertaken to improve and enhance the quality of life for Nottinghamshire people be noted.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE GREEN ESTATE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND PLAN 2013-2023

RESOLVED: 2013/45

That the Development Strategy and Plan 2013-2023 for the Nottinghamshire County Green Estate service as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

That a further report to approve the recommendations regarding the status of each site be received in July 2014

RUFFORD ABBEY COUNTRY PARK – NEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2013-2023

RESOLVED: 2013/46

That the outline Development Plan for Rufford Abbey Country Park, and in particular, the operating objectives as set out in this report, be approved

That the progress made on the programme of 'quick wins' to improve the Country Park during the course of the last year be noted

That a Conservation Management Plan to provide the conservation, heritage, and commercial planning and policy context for a range of new development opportunities to take place be noted

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE OLYMPIC LEGACY FUND DEFERRED BIDS FOR GAME CHANGER AWARDS

Following discussion, the committee agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the committee.

RESOLVED: 2013/47

That consideration of Nottinghamshire Olympic Legacy Fund deferred bids for Game Changer Awards take place at the 3 December meeting of the Culture Committee.

A STRATEGY FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S LIBRARIES – SIX MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT JANUARY – JUNE 2013

RESOLVED: 2013/48

That the update on the implementation of the Strategy for Nottinghamshire Libraries between January and June 2013 be noted.

WORLD WAR ONE CENTENARY COMMEMORATION UPDATE

RESOLVED: 2013/49

That the work of the coordination group to ensure the County Council contributes to a fitting commemoration

That the outline listing of County Council activity and support be agreed and progressed

That a regular progress report continues to be provided to the Culture Committee as the programme develops

ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEMPORARY 1 FTE INFORMATION ASSISTANT FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY (SEND) LOCAL OFFER PROJECT

RESOLVED: 2013/50

That 1 fte Information Assistant post at Grade 3 be established on a temporary basis until 31 March 2014 for the implementation of the SEND Local Offer project.

LOWLAND DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL NATURE PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

RESOLVED: 2013/51

That the financial contribution to the Lowland Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Local Nature Partnership on the basis of £5,000 per annum for the financial years 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 be approved.

WORK PROGRAMME

Members noted that the Culture Committee meetings for 5 November 2013, 7 January and 4 March 2014 had been cancelled.

RESOLVED: 2013/51

The work programme and its contents were noted.

The meeting closed at 12:35 pm.

CHAIRMAN