Nottinghamshire County Council

minutes

Meeting	Culture Committee
Date	8 December 2015 (commencing at 2pm)

Membership
Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Knight (Chairman)
Pauline Allan (Vice-Chairman)

A Chris Barnfather
Alan Bell
Richard Butler
John Clarke
John Cottee
A Maureen Dobson
Sybil Fielding
Tom Hollis
Roger Jackson
Liz Plant
A Mike Pringle

Ex-officio (non-voting)
A Alan Rhodes

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pete Barker	-Democratic Services
Peter Gaw	-Group Manager, Libraries, Archives & Information
Sally Gill	-Group Manager, Planning
Derek Higton	-Service Director, CFCS
Philippa Milbourne	-CFCS

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 3 November 2015 were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Dobson (medical). Councillor Plant replaced Councillor Pringle and Councillor Butler replaced Councillor Barnfather, both for this meeting only.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Cottee declared a private interest in the item on the Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre and Country Park as he is a member of the RSPB, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

CRESWELL HERITAGE TRUST PARTNERSHIP AWARD FOR 2015/16

RESOLVED 2015/056

1) That partnership funding of £38,000 to Creswell Heritage Trust to support its operating costs for the financial year 2015/16 be approved, subject to a similar level of award being made by Derbyshire County Council.

2) That the future funding contributions be approved in principle, in accordance with Creswell Heritage Trust's agreed Business Plan and subject to satisfactory reporting of progress against critical KPIs.

SHERWOOD LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME – ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY POST

RESOLVED 2015/057

That the establishment of a temporary Community Archaeologist post to support the work of the Nottinghamshire Archaeology Panel in the development of the Landscape Partnership Scheme through to the successful submission of a Stage 2 application, subject to agreement with HLF, be approved.

Councillor Hollis requested that his vote dissenting against the above decision be recorded.

SERVICE UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD 12 OCTOBER TO 15 NOVEMBER 2015

RESOLVED 2015/058

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

SHERWOOD FOREST VISITOR CENTRE AND COUNTRY PARK – PROGRESS UPDATE

RESOLVED 2015/059

That the progress made on entering into legal agreements with the RSPB as partner to design, build and operate a new visitor centre at Sherwood Forest Country Park be noted, and that the decommissioning of the existing facilities and the next steps be approved.

PERFORMANCE REPORTING (1 JULY – 30 SEPTEMBER 2015)

RESOLVED 2015/060

That the performance of the Council's cultural services during the period 1 July – 30 September 2015 be noted.

COUNTRY PARK EVENTS 2016

RESOLVED 2015/061

That the proposed event programme for Rufford Abbey, Sherwood Forest and Bestwood Country Parks in 2016 be noted.

WORK PROGRAMME

A report detailing the design of the new Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre will be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED 2015/062

That the committee's work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 2.57pm

CHAIRMAN