Nottinghamshire County Council

minutes

Meeting	Culture Committee
Date	13th January 2015 (commencing at 2pm)

Membership
Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Knight (Chairman)
Alan Bell (Vice-Chairman)

Pauline Allan
Chris Barnfather
Richard Butler
John Clarke
John Cottee
Maureen Dobson
Sybil Fielding
Alice Grice
Ken Rigby

Ex-officio (non-voting)
A Alan Rhodes

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pete Barker	- Democratic Services
Steve Bradley	- Group Manager, Cultural and Enrichment Services
Peter Gaw	- Group Manager, Libraries, Archives & Information
Sally Gill	- Group Manager, Planning
Derek Higton	- Service Director Youth, Families and Cultural Services
Philippa Milbourne	- Children Families and Cultural Services
Simon Redfern	- Communications

MEMBERSHIP

The clerk to the Committee reported orally that Councillors Richard Butler and Ken Rigby had been appointed to the Committee in place of Councillors Roger Jackson and Tom Hollis respectively for this meeting only.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 2 December, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

SERVICE UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD 10 NOVEMBER 2014 to 14 DECEMBER 2014

On behalf of South Scarle residents, Councillor Dobson thanked Peter Gaw, Claire Tobin and colleagues for the work involved in setting up the Library Access Point.

RESOLVED 2015/001

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

FEES AND CHARGES 2015/16 FOR THE COUNTRY PARKS AND GREEN ESTATE SERVICE

RESOLVED 2015/002

That:

1) the charging regime as set out in the report is adopted for 2015/16

2) car parking charges be kept under review and feedback from users of the service be monitored to assess the overall impact of the changes.

3) the lead petitioner is informed:

   a) that the cost of season tickets will be increased by £5 to £30

   b) that free access to major events for season ticket holders will be reinstated

   c) that a report will be presented to Full Council for the actions to be noted.

A STRATEGY FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LIBRARIES – SIX-MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT: JULY TO DECEMBER 2014

RESOLVED 2015/003

That the update on implementation of the Strategy for Nottinghamshire's Libraries between July and December 2014 be noted.

LIBRARIES, ARTS, ARCHIVES, INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY LEARNING SERVICES: NEW OPERATING MODEL – GOVERNANCE

RESOLVED 2015/004

That:

1) a Community Benefit Society be agreed as the legal form for the new arm's length operating organisation for Libraries, Arts, Archives, Information and Community Learning Services.

2) the outline membership and principles for the new organisation's board, as outlined in the report, be agreed as the basis of registration with the Charity Commission and the relevant financial bodies.

3) the approach to the naming of the new organisation, as outlined in the report, be agreed.

CULTURAL SERVICES STRATEGIC EVENTS PROGRAMME 2015

RESOLVED 2015/005

That the update on scheduled strategic events for 2015 across the Libraries, Archives and Information service, the Country Parks and Green Estate Service and the Arts and Sports Service be noted.

CHANGES TO THE STAFFING STRUCTURE IN THE COUNTRY PARKS SERVICE

RESOLVED 2015/006

That:

1) the changes to the staffing structure of the Country Parks Service as detailed in paragraph 6 of the report be approved.

2) the establishment of a one year part-time Bestwood Community Heritage Officer post be approved.

SHERWOOD LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME – DEVELOPMENT STAGE

RESOLVED 2015/007

1) To note the successful Stage 1 application for the Sherwood Landscape Partnership Scheme.

2) To approve the recruitment of a temporary Project Development Manager to manage the development of the Landscape Partnership Scheme through to the successful submission of a Stage 2 application.

3) To approve the engagement of consultants as set out in the Stage 1 application,

to assist with the Development Stage.

4) To confirm the county council's contribution of £4,000 over 18 months.

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD

RESOLVED 2015/008
That members note the work being undertaken to secure the historic environment record and to improve accessibility for service users in line with national standards and guidelines and with the county council's digital first approach.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2015/009

That the committee's work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 3pm.

Chairman