

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **PANNETT ART GALLERY** Committee conducted on **Wednesday 4 May 2022** at 2:00pm in the Normanby Room, Whitby Museum, Pannett Park, Whitby.

Present: Councillors Mrs L Wild (Chair) with Councillors Mrs A Brown (Substitute), Mrs H Coughlan and Mrs N Wilson.

Also: Mrs A Cowey - Deputy Clerk, Mrs H Berry – Curator and one member of the public

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public Notice of the Meeting was given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972

277/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors R Dalrymple and G Jackson.

278/22 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no declarations of interest.

279/22 MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Mrs N Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Pannett Art Gallery Committee held on the 18 December 2021 having been circulated be taken as read and approved.

280/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

281/22 CURATORS REPORT

The Curator went through her report circulated prior to the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs N Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Brown

RESOLVED unanimously that the Curators Report is received.

FINANCE

282/22 PAYMENT OF CHEQUES

MOVED by Councillor Mrs L Wild, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan

RESOLVED that the payment of accounts as circulated up to 19 February 2022, totalling £6,969.69 are approved

Members were made aware that the credit card charges had been reduced from over £79.00 per month to £46.68

283/22 SOPER COLLECTION

The alteration of the front office to form a storeroom/kitchen in readiness for the Soper Collection is nearing completion. It was agreed that a completion date is obtained for the works. It was agreed that the gallery storeroom will also be re-arranged to accommodate this collection, which will incur additional costs.

A request has been received from the trustees of the Soper collection to rename the Weatherill Gallery to the Weatherill/Soper Gallery.

There will be a cost implication of approximately £1000.00 for transportation costs of the collection which will be split 50/50 between the Soper Trustees and Pannett Art Gallery.

The Committee agreed that funding applications be submitted to obtain grants towards the purchase of bespoke storage cabinets for this collection.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs N Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan

RESOLVED unanimously that there are no objections to the renaming of the Weatherill Gallery to the Weatherill/Soper Gallery once the collection is in place.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Brown

RESOLVED unanimously that Pannett Art Gallery pays £500.00 towards the transportation costs of the Soper Collection.

284/22 ACCREDITATION

It is anticipated that the Pannett Art Gallery will be invited to re-apply for accreditation in October 2022.

285/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

June 2022 to be confirmed.

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Imperial War Museum – Peace Rose

I have identified a suitable cabinet that Scarborough Museums Trust are happy to loan us to display the Peace Rose. I now just need to fill out the facilities reports for the IWM and arrange transport of the Rose and the cabinet.

Soper Collection

This is moving ahead at a rapid pace. We are negotiating a loan agreement and creating additional storage space at the Pannett, though we still need to make more space available.

Due to the scale of the collection, we will need to recruit additional support to administer the loan, at least in the first few years. I am talking to the new Cultural Officer at SBC this week, with a view to him helping me to write an ACE funding application. I have also contacted Gillian Greaves and Katharine Boardman to discuss this with them.

Taking over this collection will cause a major disruption to the Pannett and does push us outside our comfort zone, but it is also a very exciting opportunity that has the potential to be a tremendous attraction for locals and tourists.

Environmental Exhibition

Towards the end of summer we are staging an open exhibition of two dimensional artwork illustrating one small adaptation to lifestyles, that people can easily adopt, to help to tackle climate change, reduce carbon emissions, or improve the environment.

Alongside this I have secured funding to employ an actor to visit local primary schools in the character of an Environmental Superhero, to inspire discussions and ideas. This will be followed up with an artist going into the schools to run a practical workshop on the same theme, generating artworks for the exhibition. There will also be a small number of workshops in the gallery and with community groups.

Pannett Extension

Michael is in conversation with the consultants to negotiate the work required within the budget available.

Queens Platinum Jubilee

Working with Whitby DAG we are inviting local crafters to create items to make up a knitted street party.

Exhibitions

The Tindale photography competition has been well received. The next exhibition is Caedmon College A level Art students, followed by a printmaking exhibition by Hull based artist Richard Lees.