



# MINUTES

## Tourism and Leisure Committee

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, 2 November 2017
<b>Venue:</b>	Town Hall, St Annes.
<b>Committee Members Present:</b>	Councillor Cheryl Little (Chairman) Councillor Vince Settle (Vice-Chairman)  Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Jan Barker, Maxine Chew, Susan Fazackerley, Richard Fradley, Paul Hodgson, Roger Lloyd, Sandra Pitman, Raymond Thomas, Viv Willder
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Allan Oldfield, Paul Walker, Mark Wilde, Charlie Richards, Julie Vale, Amanda Draper, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	Mr John Turner - Project Director - Lytham Hall Paul Lomas - Deputy Manager - Lytham Hall
<b>Members of the Public:</b>	Approx 15 members of the public were in attendance

### Public Platform

There were no requests to speak under the Public Platform arrangements.

### 1. Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Tourism and Leisure Committee meeting held on 7 September 2017 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

### 3. Substitute Members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 24(c):

Councillor Susan Fazackerley for Councillor Tim Ashton.

Councillor Roger Lloyd for Councillor Julie Brickles

Councillor Viv Willder for Councillor Brenda Blackshaw.

## Decision Items

### 4. Lytham Hall Restoration Project : Progress Towards a New HLF Bid

The Chairman, Councillor Cheryl Little introduced the progress report by making reference previous deliberations on the matter and then went on to invite Councillor Richard Fradley to present his report which was circulated with the agenda.

Councillor Fradley explained that his report provided a further update to the committee on progress against the recommendations approved in respect of the Lytham Hall Restoration Project. He advised that since the last meeting, considerable progress had been made in addressing some of the concerns previously highlighted by the committee. He reiterated that the Council's interest and priority remains focused on facilitating a renewed Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) bid for the restoration of the Hall and ensuring that the £300,000 capital grant that the Council contributed towards the HLF bid in 2012 achieves the restoration of Lytham Hall.

In brief, Councillor Fradley took members through the progress report which included details (since the last meeting of the committee in September 2017) of the various meetings that had taken place with key stakeholders including Heritage Trust North West (HTNW) and Lytham Town Trust (LTT) on the actions agreed to rebuild the Lytham Hall Restoration Project and prepare for a new lottery bid. Councillor Fradley indicated that he had been supported by the Chief Executive and the report included views, opinions and conclusions based on the conversations held and any supporting evidence provided.

In his report, Councillor Fradley made particular reference to changes that had taken place at Lytham Hall in the seven week period since September including: its new management structure, governance and leadership arrangements; the establishment of the 'Independent Lytham Hall Foundation' which would act as a new charitable trust and associated proposals to establish a new body that can apply to the HLF Resilience Fund. His report also included details of evidence shared by the HTNW of changes made and actions taken since the last meeting.

Councillor Fradley went on to say that he was now more confident with the processes and procedures that had been put in place and progress made since the last meeting. In this regard, he explained that some of the proposed managerial changes announced were consistent with the recommendations made by the committee and the Moore Stephens report. Members' attention was drawn to the appendix which further detailed the proposals.

At this juncture, the Chairman invited John Turner, Project Director for Lytham Hall and Paul Lomax newly appointed Deputy Manager of Lytham Hall to the table to address the committee. They provided further detail on changes to the management structure, governance and leadership at Lytham Hall; additional information on the establishment of the new 'Independent Lytham Hall Foundation' and plans to secure a future HLF bid; and improvements made in the day to day running of Lytham Hall; on-going projects and the work of the volunteers.

At the conclusion of presentations, the Chairman invited comments and questions from members of the committee. Various members commented on key aspects of the presentations including: status and credibility of the 'Independent Lytham Hall Foundation'; the plans for a new HLF bid and the likely support for a future bid; evidence of improved financial transparency and robust management arrangements; evidence of improved relationships between HTNW, LTT and the Lytham Hall volunteers; HTNW plans for £342,437 of 'restricted funds for Lytham Hall on HTNW accounts; the selection process and appointment of Trustees to 'The Lytham Hall Foundation' and the role of the Executive Committee.

The questions raised by members were in part addressed by Councillor Fradley, Mr Turner and Mr Lomax as appropriate. In terms of reference to the funds in the restricted account, an undertaking was given by Mr Turner to confirm the position within 10 working days of the meeting. Mr Turner also gave a further undertaking that he would have written confirmation from HLF that they were satisfied the recommendations of the Moore Stephens Report had been met to put before the Committee at the meeting in January 2018.

In summing up, the Chairman acknowledged the ongoing work of the HTNW and thanked Councillor Fradley for his updated report.

Following detailed consideration of this matter, the committee RESOLVED:

1. That the committee confirm its priority to secure a new bid to the HLF for the restoration of Lytham Hall by the most effective means possible working with all relevant partners and request that Councillor Fradley focuses on achieving this.
2. To note that some progress has been made by HTNW to address the recommendations made by this committee and the Moore Stephens report with the introduction of new leadership, governance and financial arrangements at Lytham Hall.
3. To request that any new HLF bid for the restoration of Lytham Hall includes direct engagement by the nominated elected member from the Tourism and Leisure Committee.
4. That prior to the committee supporting any future lottery bid led by HTNW, written evidence is provided from the HLF that they are satisfied with the measures taken by HTNW to address the recommendations in the Moore Stephens report.

5. Arts Development

Further to the undertaking given at the last meeting of the committee to provide clarification on the role and function of certain arts development groups on which Fylde Council is represented, the Chairman invited Paul Walker, Director of Development Services to introduce the report. In brief, the report proposed some changes to the existing list of bodies/partnerships covering the arts and sought the committee's confirmation of nomination to those bodies/partnerships.

A table detailing the nominations/role and purpose of the various arts outside bodies/partnerships agreed by committee on 9 March 2017 together with a proposed revised list (as set out below) was circulated with the report for members' consideration.

Tourism and Leisure Committee- Outside bodies/partnerships relating to arts - revised			
Outside body / partnerships	Role/Purpose	Frequency of meetings	Current representation
Fylde Arts Association	To encourage the study, practice and enjoyment of the arts in the Fylde area,	Does not currently have an established meeting frequency	Councillor Raymond Thomas
Arts Partnership for Fylde	The APFF is a working group of local artists and arts organisations committed to increasing the profile and importance of arts in Fylde, and developing partnerships to create new opportunities in the arts.	Does not currently have an established meeting frequency	Councillor Raymond Thomas
Arts Working Group	To further the development of arts education through the appreciation and enjoyment of the Lytham St Annes Art Collection. To maintain and conserve the artistic heritage of the Collection for the benefit of the community. To assist community development through support to local arts societies/groups.	Meets every 2 months (6xp/a)	Councillor Vince Settle

Councillors Ray Thomas and Vince Settle were invited by the Chairman to comment on the outside bodies that they are appointed to.

Members commented generally on the frequency of meetings of the Fylde Arts Association and Arts Partnership for Fylde. This was addressed by Councillor Thomas.

The report also provided an update on the work that has been underway with the review of the Lytham St Annes Art Collection including reference to the receipt of Counsels' opinion regarding the ongoing management of the collection.

In his report, Mr Walker made reference to the appointment (in 2016) of two part time Arts Development Officers, one focusing on programmes and events and the other on the art collection. Amanda Draper (officer responsible for the art collection) was in attendance at the meeting and invited to the table to address the committee and answer any questions.

Mr Walker then went on to refer to the title and role of the working group as set out in table 3 of the report and sought members' views on changing the title and description of the working group to adequately reflect the current work of the Group. This was read out at the meeting. He also sought the committee's confirmation on the membership of the working group to drive the next phase of the work forward.

A discussion took place about the appropriateness of the proposed new title/description of this working group and proposals to extend its membership.

Following detailed consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To continue with representation on each of the three arts-related outside bodies/partnerships as outlined above subject to seeking approval of Full Council to the new title/body of the Arts Partnership for Fylde.
2. To confirm/extend the membership of the Arts Service Review Working Group to 9 members as follows: Councillors Akeroyd, Brickles, Chew, Fazackerley, Little, Lloyd, Pitman, Settle and Thomas.

#### Information Item

The following information item was received by the committee.

#### 6. Fairhaven Heritage Lottery Project Presentation

Further to the request of the committee at its meeting on 7 September, the Chairman invited Charlie Richards, (Fairhaven Project Officer) and Julie Vale (Activity Development Officer) to the table to give a presentation/overview to the committee on the history of Fairhaven Lake and an update/progress report on the Fairhaven HLF project.

A copy of the presentation material was included as an appendix to the report.

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