

Minutes of a meeting of
the Arts, Culture and Events Committee
Held on Thursday 28th November 2024
at School Green Centre commencing at 19.30

Present: Cllrs Jahromi, James, Jones & Matic (Chair)

Attending: B Winton (Clerk)

24/ACE/89 Public Questions

89.1 There were no public questions

24/ACE/90 Apologies and declarations of Members' Interest

90.1 There were apologies from Cllrs Montgomery and Peer

90.2 There were no declarations of members' interests

24/ACE/91 Minutes of the previous meeting

91.1 The minutes of the committee meeting of 31st October 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed as such by Cllr Matic

Proposed: Cllr James
Seconded: Cllr Jones
Approved: Unanimously

91.2 Actions and Matters Arising

60.2 Clerk to confirm timetable of work for the public plaza and request consideration of the needs of the public art installation

The Clerk had been advised that "the plaza probably due to start in the new year, we officially close the road to the medical centre and access will be from Beke Ave however both roads will be used for a time then the existing road is to be broken out tanks installed then the plaza is to be constructed."

63.1 Clerk to ask other parish councils to promote the art exhibition in their newsletters

This will be done.



- 63.2 Cllr Montgomery to arrange for Cllr James to be second signatory on the Shinfield North Community Fund account

This had not yet been progressed.

ACTION - Cllr Montgomery to arrange for Cllr James to be second signatory on the Shinfield North Community Fund account

- 63.4 Clerk to obtain costs for lighting on the decorative screens on the School Green to coincide with the period of the Christmas tree

The cost of the additional lighting was £300, and these had been ordered and will be installed in the next couple of days.

- 63.4 Clerk to establish level of costs involved in providing a Christmas tree for Grazeley Village Memorial Hall

This has been advised as being £260 and GVMH will recognise Shinfield Parish Council's contribution.

- 83.2 Clerk to establish if there was any appetite for a larger scale "switch on" of the Frensham Green Christmas tree lights

This is on the agenda.

- 85.1 Clerk to add the Arts4Wokingham Agreement to the agenda for the next Full Council meeting

This had been on the Agenda of the Full Council meeting held on 20th November 2024 and was approved at the meeting.

- 85.2 Clerk to arrange the first meeting of the Public Art Working Party

This is on the agenda.

- 86.1 Clerk to investigate a possible fish & chip element to the VE 80th Anniversary Event

This is on the agenda.

24/ACE/92

Developing Arts & Culture in the parish

92.1 **Art Exhibition**

The Clerk was intending to set up the next meeting with a view to getting the detailed information out to artists before Christmas.

The hard copy newsletter generated about another ten expressions of interest with 53 artists now having expressed an interest.

The art boards and associated hangings are booked and are within the budget provided for the event.

We were beginning to get interested parties lined up to provide talks and workshops in the week leading up to the exhibition itself.

92.2 **Possible Events for Shinfield North**

The Frensham Green tree had been installed today (28th November)

There was a suggestion that there was a small event before the organised trip to the Hexagon pantomime on the 8th.

ACTION – Clerk to see if it would be possible to arrange such an event

92.3 **Christmas Activities**

The Christmas Fayre and Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree was confirmed for Friday 6th December and rooms booked accordingly. Pound Green and Grazeley rooms would be used for the Fayre and the cinema would be set up to play a montage of Christmas movies.

24/ACE/93

School Green Centre Cinema

93.1 The Clerk provided a summary of the take up of the cinema to date (including paid for tickets for December screenings). 277 had attended or booked for matinees and 83 for evening screenings. The Friday Fun Day on 20th December was going to be Sing-along "Frozen" rather than the usual bouncy castle provision and this was already fully subscribed.

The actual delivery of the cinema was proving to be straightforward.

Cllr Matic advised that the film selection panel found the Filmbank Media website awkward to use and asked the Clerk to investigate alternative options for licensing of films.

ACTION – Clerk to investigate suitable alternatives to Filmbank Media for licensing films

24/ACE/94

Public Art

- 94.1 The agreement with Arts4Wokingham had been agreed at Full Council and the Clerk would arrange a meeting with them to start the process.
- Part of this meeting would be to consider potential locations for public art in the plaza.

ACTION – Clerk to arrange the meeting with Arts4Wokingham

24/ACE/95

VE Day 80th Anniversary Event

- 95.1 This event, to take place on Thursday 8th May 2025, had been approved at Full Council on 25th September 2024.

The Clerk confirmed that the pipe band was booked, and the beacon ordered. He had discussed this with various groups at the Remembrance Sunday service and there was interest in the event.

At the previous meeting there had been a discussion about a possible food element to the event, but it was agreed that this would not be pursued.

Provisional Timetable

- 8.15 – Assemble for Act of Remembrance
- 8.30 – Act of Remembrance Starts
- 8.50 – Act of Remembrance Ends
- 8.55 – Parade sets off for beacon
- 9.20 – Parade arrives
- 9.25 – Short Speech from Chair of the Council
- 9.30 – Beacon is lit followed by lone piper

24/ACE/96

Correspondence

- 96.1 Cllr Jahromi asked if it was possible to grow a Christmas Tree and leave permanently in situ rather than buy a new one each year.

ACTION – Clerk to investigate possibility of having a “permanent” Christmas Tree

24/ACE/97

Date of Next Meeting

- 97.1 The next meeting of the Arts, Culture and Events Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, 9th January 2024 at 19:30

The meeting ended at 20.40

List of Actions

63.2	Cllr Montgomery to arrange for Cllr James to be second signatory on the Shinfield North Community Fund account	Cllr Montgomery
92.2	Clerk to see if it would be possible to arrange an event for Frensham Green	Clerk
93.1	Clerk to investigate suitable alternatives to Filmbank Media for licensing films	Clerk
94.1	Clerk to arrange the meeting with Arts4Wokingham	Clerk
96.1	Clerk to investigate possibility of having a "permanent" Christmas Tree	Clerk