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Minutes of a meeting of
the Arts, Culture and Events Committee
Held on Thursday 6th February 2025
at School Green Centre commencing at 19.30

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

Attending: B Winton (Clerk)

25/ACE/11

Public Questions

11.1 There were no public questions

Shabina Maher and Stephanie Woods from Wokingham Borough Council attended for a discussion on potential collaborative working on events in Shinfield North and elsewhere in the borough (Item 4.2 but taken here) building on collaboration such as at the formal opening of the Shinfield Cinema. There has also been collaboration on Summer HAF event on Frensham Green, Friday Fundays and pantomime trips. Most recently SPC had agreed to a request for a Hello Bench plaque on a SPC bench in Frensham Green.

There was discussion on the potential benefits of a physical presence in the area following the closure of the WBC Community Flat. There was an agreement that something would be beneficial but there was no agreement on any suitable potential site. This would remain a consideration for the future.

Improving access to events elsewhere in the parish was also considered and it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the costs and issues involved in providing a minibus which could be used for shuttle services and also made available to the Volunteer Car Service.

ACTION – Clerk to investigate the potential for a parish council minibus.

11.2 It was agreed that there would be greater collaboration on the Christmas Activities to give a greater prominence to the formal turning on of the Christmas Tree lights. This may entail co-ordinating with the Lions visit to Frensham Green

ACTION – Clerk to work with WBC to co-ordinate Christmas events in the north of the parish

 6/3/25

- 11.3 The Clerk was also asked to investigate if it would be possible to arrange a funfair on Frensham Green similar to the annual presence on School Green

ACTION – Clerk to investigate the potential for a funfair on Frensham Green

25/ACE/12

Apologies and declarations of Members' Interest

- 12.1 There were no apologies for the meeting
- 12.2 There were no declarations of members' interests

25/ACE/13

Minutes of the previous meeting

- 13.1 The minutes of the committee meeting of 9th January 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed as such by Cllr Matic

Proposed: Cllr Jahromi
Seconded: Cllr Peer
Approved: Unanimously

13.2 Actions and Matters Arising

- 4.1 Clerk to add the committee's decision on meeting schedule to the agenda of the next Full Council meeting.

This had been done.

- 5.2 Invite Shabina Maher to attend a future meeting of the committee

This had been done. See 25/ACE/11 on the minutes.

- 6.1 Clerk to develop additional uses for the screening equipment

The Clerk has held an initial discussion with Rachel Walker (Youth Club leader) about having a games night in the Easter holiday where the Youth Club can use their Nintendo Switch with the cinema equipment. Those who do not wish to participate can carry on with other activities in the Pound Green Room. There will be an open invitation for others to come along for the evening with a view to recruiting them to the youth club itself.

ACTION – Clerk to assist the Youth Club in arranging a Games Evening for the Easter period

- 6.2 Clerk to develop the arrangements for a Shinfield Film Club

This is on the agenda for Item 5.1

- 6.3 Clerk to develop proposals for a summer holiday film club

This has not been progressed.

- 7.1 Clerk to arrange the next meeting with Arts4Wokingham

This had been done and was also on the agenda for Item 6.1

25/ACE/14

Developing Arts & Culture in the parish

14.1 Art Exhibition

Artists

The Clerk reported that there were 47 artists signed up contributing a total of 260 paintings.

Workshop Developments

The programme of supporting events now has 9 activities:

Friday 14th Feb – Cinema screening of "Loving Vincent"

Monday 17th – Flower painting

Tuesday 18th – Paint with Pam

Tuesday 18th – Drawing and Watercolour

Wednesday 19th – Art Shed Children's Activity

Wednesday 19th – Sip and Paint

Thursday 20th – Fans of Art

Friday 21st Feb – Crumbs art bag + drink and cake – Tower Room

Saturday 22nd Feb – Talk on public art in Bracknell and Wokingham

Advertising the Event to the General Public

The programme for general advertising includes

- Communicating with Art groups
- SPC Newsletter (issued yesterday)
- SPC Social Media
- Signage on site
- Other parish councils and WBC

Art installation

Panels will be delivered on Monday 17th and set up same day

Paintings to be received Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th

Art labels now prepared and ready to be printed

Selling artwork

A credit card machine has been arranged would be tested next week.

Putting together a roster for the event

Additional staff had been arranged with senior management cover throughout to ensure that the event run smoothly.

14.2 **Possible Events for Shinfield North**

This had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

25/ACE/15 School Green Centre Cinema

15.1 **Film Club**

Following the discussion at the previous meeting the Clerk had set out how a Film Club approach might work in practice.

Members decided to continue for a further period with the existing arrangements to ensure that all avenues of promotion had been pursued.

The Clerk would meet with Cllrs Peer and Tatla to discuss more effective promotion of the cinema and report back to the next meeting with a comprehensive approach to marketing the cinema.

ACTION – Clerk to meet with Cllrs Peer and Tatla to discuss marketing of the cinema and report back to the committee

25/ACE/16 Public Art

16.1 **Arts4Wokingham attended in strength on 17th January (with LJ, DP and BW present for SPC) to discuss what the vision for the art project would be and the timetable.**

This was followed up by an internal meeting on 24th January (LJ, DP, ZM and BW) which expanded on these.

The Working Party would continue to refine the Vision for the final art installation. This document will set the parameters that artists would be required to work within. The intention was to set a relatively broad brief which would allow artists to offer up a wider range of options for consideration.

A target date for unveiling the final art installation had been set as Bank Holiday Monday 31st May 2027.

25/ACE/17 VE Day 80th Anniversary Event

17.1 **The Clerk advised that there was nothing to add on this event at present. Planning will resume once the Art Exhibition is completed.**

ZM

25/ACE/18

Correspondence

18.1 There had been no correspondence received.

25/ACE/19

Date of Next Meeting

19.1 The next meeting of the Arts, Culture and Events Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, 6th March 2025 at 19:30

The meeting ended at 21.55

List of Actions

25/ACE/6.1	Clerk to assist the Youth Club in arranging a Games Evening for the Easter period	Clerk
25/ACE/11.1	Clerk to investigate the potential for a parish council minibus	Clerk
25/ACE/11.2	Clerk to work with WBC to co-ordinate Christmas events in the north of the parish	Clerk
25/ACE/11.3	Clerk to investigate the potential for a funfair on Frensham Green	Clerk
25/ACE/15.1	Clerk to meet with Cllrs Peer and Tatla to discuss marketing of the cinema and report back to the committee	Clerk