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Minutes of the Meeting of the Art Committee

held on Monday the 11th August 2014
in the Minlaton Meeting Room
commencing at 10 am

(Subject to confirmation)

ITEM 1 WELCOME

As Cr Bob Nicholls has resigned as Chair and was not in attendance Cr Brenda Bowman was nominated as “stand in” Chair and opened the meeting at 10.05 am.

1.2 PRESENT

Cr Brenda Bowman, Anne Eyles, Irene Hughes-Jones, Wendy Story, Bruce Davey, Joyce Yeomans, Geoff Lock with Andrew Cameron, David Harding and Mary Hermann in attendance.

1.3 APOLOGIES

Bronwyn Scholes

1.4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Joyce Yeomans moved **Anne Eyles seconded**

That the minutes of the Art Committee meeting held on 5th May 2014 as circulated, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

1.5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any conflict of interest.

ITEM 2 UPDATE

Discussion in regard to dissolution of the Art Committee as a Section 41 Committee

Discussion centred on the impact of the Conflict of Interest regulations impact on members as a section 41 committee.

Mary Hermann explained the operation of the regulations and why they applied. Mary also explained why the regulations needed to be considered seriously due to perceptions rather than actual breaches by any member of the committee.

Bruce Davey explained his position and outlined why he felt the conflict of interest regulations impacted on his ability to assist the committee in making decisions that required input of artists. Bruce felt he was restricted and therefore unable to assist to the utmost and as a result felt targeted on a personal basis.

Mary Hermann outline options for the committee that would see the conflict of interest regulations, while still applicable, be more accommodating in regard to contributions made by artist members of the committee. These alternatives included becoming a working party of Council or becoming a sub-committee of a Progress Association.

Discussion continued with the majority favouring the working party of Council option. Some discussion was had around a Progress Association providing some structure around the committee.

Anne Eyles outlined her ideas for the committee suggesting that portfolios should be considered with members taking a lead role in each of these areas rather than expecting all functions to be driven by one person.

Andrew Cameron was asked if Council would continue to support the Art Exhibition and responded in the affirmative as the question of not supporting the event has never been raised by Council.

David Harding advised that the provision of a Secretary to the committee was not seen as the optimal solution going forward and that functions or tasks requiring Council assistance should be allocated to the appropriate Council staff as required to ensure thoroughness and quality was achieved.

Anne Eyles questioned whether Council would be prepared to provide facilities such as office space, computer etc as it had in the past. Andrew Cameron and David Harding confirmed this as a realistic possibility that was likely to be supported by Council.

Anne Eyles went "around the table" to establish who would continue on the committee should the preferred structure of a working party of Council be the decision of the meeting. All present except Joyce Yeomans and Geoff Lock indicated their willingness to continue for at least one more exhibition. Geoff requested more time to decide as he could be leaving the area any time between now and the next exhibition. Joyce Yeomans indicated she could no longer devote the time and effort to continue.

Bruce Davey undertook to call Cr Bob Nicholls to determine if he was interested in re-joining the committee in its new form.

Joyce Yeomans moved

Anne Eyles seconded

That the Committee authorise the Director Corporate & Community Services request Council dissolve the committee as a section 41 committee of Council as soon as practicable.

CARRIED

Joyce Yeomans moved

Bruce Davey seconded

That the Committee request the Director Corporate & Community Services request Council to endorse the Art Committee and its nominated members as a working party of Council to manage the Yorke Peninsula Art Exhibition events as planned.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

As stand in chair Cr Brenda Bowman expressed her thanks to both Joyce and Geoff for their decade or more of service to the Art Committee and the Art Exhibition. Their contributions over the years have been greatly valued and even more greatly appreciated.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 1st September 2014 to discuss membership of committee and start up functions requiring immediate attention.

ITEM 5 CLOSURE

The Meeting Closed at 11.25 am

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Cr Brenda Bowman