

**City of Inverness Area Committee
Inverness City Arts Working Group**

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Inverness City Arts Working Group** held in the Second Floor Committee Room, Town House, Inverness on Tuesday 7 August 2018 at 2.45 pm.

Present:

Mrs H Carmichael
Mrs B McAllister
Mrs I MacKenzie

In Attendance:

Mr D Haas, Inverness City Area Manager
Mr J Kelman, Principal Project Manager, Development and Infrastructure Service
Mrs L Dunn, Principal Administrator, Chief Executive's Service

Also in attendance:

Ms C Shankland, Exhibitions Officer, High Life Highland

Mrs I MacKenzie in the Chair

Business

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr A Christie and Mr G Ross.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

3. Exclusion of the Public

The Working Group **RESOLVED** that, under Section 50(A) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public should be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4. Actions from Previous Minutes

There had been circulated Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 3 May 2018, the terms of which were **NOTED**.

Arising from the Minutes it was reported that:-

- **My Ness (Gathering Place):** The Angling Club would be submitting an application to the Inverness Common Good Fund for financial assistance with the provision of a new fishing hut;

- **Rest Spaces:** A risk assessment had been undertaken the conclusion of which indicated that there was no advantage to installing pavement studs and consequently these works would not go ahead; and
- **Sculptural Destination:** confirmation had been received that it would be feasible to incorporate the poem 'Seer' in the art work.

The Working Group **NOTED** the update.

5. River Connections Public Art Project Programme

There had been circulated Report No ICArts 05/18 by the Inverness City Area Manager dated 31 July 2018. In presenting the report, an update was provided on the Project Programme which included detailed information on the progress of each project in regard to key milestones; forthcoming decisions/actions required; and project risks/issues that were being addressed.

During discussion, a number of detailed questions were raised and responded to in regard to installation dates and how to ensure these were not delayed; the durability of arts materials particularly in the event of potential damage, how these could be repaired, and whether the artworks would be insured; and concerns regarding the potential for reduced parking at the River Ness area. . It was further recommended that a representative from the local community council should be invited to attend the launch event of the Sculptural Destination and that feedback be sought on the test pieces that had been exhibited in Edinburgh.

In conclusion, the Working Group was assured that work would continue to ensure that each project progressed as planned and that there was no material impact on costs or timescales.

Following discussion, the Working Group **NOTED** the progress in respect of each of the projects (Rest Spaces – Dress for the Weather; Sculptural Destination; 'My Ness' (the Gathering Place); Children's Feature; The Trail – Dress for the Weather and **AGREED**:-

- i. to determine whether the new artworks would be covered as part of the Council's current insurance policy;
- ii. that a representative from the local community council be invited to attend the launch event of the Sculptural Destination; and
- iii. to ascertain the feedback on the Sculptural Destination test pieces that had been exhibited in Edinburgh

6. Financial Monitoring

There had been circulated Report No ICArts 06/18 by the Inverness City Area Manager dated 31 July 2018. The report set out the revenue monitoring position for the period to 31 July 2018 and showed the actual expenditure to date.

The Working Group **NOTED** the content of the report.

7. Press relations and forthcoming PR opportunities and risks

The City Area Manager gave an update on recent media coverage and Members were invited to discuss options for proactively engaging the press. The City Area Manager also advised that a planning application would be submitted in September 2018 in regard to My Ness (The Gathering Place) and it was requested that a briefing should be provided for the Working Group to go over the detailed plans.

The Working Group **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** that a Member briefing be scheduled to consider the detailed planning application in regard to the My Ness (The Gathering Place) project prior to submission.

8. Date of next Meeting

The Working Group **NOTED** that the date of the next Meeting would be held on Tuesday 30 October 2018 at 2.30 pm, First Floor Committee Room, Town House, Inverness.

The meeting was closed at 3.40 pm.