

# BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

## CULTURE & TOURISM SUB-COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2004  
5.00PM

COMMITTEE ROOMS 2&3, BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

### MINUTES

Present: Councillor John (Chair); Councillors Allen, Mrs Brown, Davidson, Hawkes, Morgan (Deputy Chair), Older, Smith (Opposition Spokesperson), Taylor and Mrs Theobald

#### PART ONE

#### ACTION

#### 7. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

##### 7A Declarations of Substitutes

7.1 There were no substitutes.

##### 7B Declarations of Interest

7.2 There were none.

##### 7C Exclusion of Press and Public

7.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

7.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public not be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any items on the agenda.

#### 8. MINUTES

8.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2004 be approved and signed by the Chair.

## **9. INTRODUCTION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HERITAGE**

9.1 The Chair and Sub-Committee welcomed Pauline Scott-Garrett as the newly appointed Assistant Director Heritage.

## **10. PETITION**

10.1 The Sub-Committee considered the following petition that was presented by Councillor Barnett to the Council meeting on 25 November 2004:

'We the undersigned call upon the Council to ensure that our much-enjoyed Hangleton Library is well maintained and that its stock of books is significantly increased, even doubled.'

Councillor Barnett had sent her apologies that she was unable to attend the Sub-Committee meeting to present the petition in person.

10.2 **RESOLVED** - That the petition be noted.

## **11. THE ROLE OF THE ARTS COMMISSION**

11.1 Mrs Jackie Lythell informed the Sub-Committee on the role of the Arts Commission, which would oversee the delivery of the Urban Cultural Fund programme (see item 12 below). Mrs Lythell stated that the Sub-Committee members would be invited to the launch, which would take place on 19 January 2005 at 6.00 pm.

11.2 The Sub-Committee congratulated officers on their success in securing £750,000 from the Urban Cultural Fund and thanked them for their effort in preparing the bid. An officer had recently been appointed to raise additional funding.

11.3 **RESOLVED** – That the information be noted.

## **12. UPDATE ON THE URBAN CULTURAL FUND**

12.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Cultural Services that provided updated information on the Urban Cultural Programme to be undertaken across the city over the next two years under the auspices of the Arts Commission (see minute book).

12.2 The Sub-Committee noted that the bid had been based on on-going ideas and projects in order to meet the time scale for applying for funding. The Head of Arts and Creative Industries hoped that the projects would leave a long-lasting impression on young people and stimulate their love of arts and creativity. Members were pleased to

note that that the programme would extend out to the city estates. It was noted that a Working Party appointed by the Arts Commission would make decisions about how to use the funding, which led some members to express concern about accountability, if controversial decisions were made. The Chair stated that the council would have a monitoring role.

12.3 Two members requested that additional lighting and floodlighting schemes should be introduced in the city.

12.4 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Culture & Tourism Sub-Committee receive regular updates on the progress of the Urban Cultural Programme.

**Paula Murray**

**13. PRESTON MANOR**

13.1 The Assistant Director Heritage and the Head of Education & Visitor Information reported on the issues raised at the meeting held on 4 November 2004. They circulated a briefing paper entitled “New operational arrangements for Preston Manor to achieve the Divisional Contribution to the Council-Wide savings” 2004-05 (for copy see minute book).

13.2 The Sub-Committee discussed how to attract visitors and increase income, including changing the displays regularly, reconsidering the charging policy for children, holding small events and making a joint approach with other attractions. A member requested a more comprehensive report be submitted to a future meeting.

**Pauline Scott-Garratt**

13.3 **RESOLVED** – That the information be noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.20 pm.

Following the meeting, members toured the new Jubilee Library.

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2005