

Committee Minutes

Jean F Watson Bequest

Edinburgh, 9 March 2010

Present: Councillors Brock, Buchan, Dawe, McIvor and Thomas.

1 Appointment of Convener

Decision

To appoint Councillor Brock as convener of the Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest.

2 Minute

Decision

The minute of the meeting of 16 March 2009 was approved as a correct record.

3 Financial Statement – Funds available for 2009/2010

The balance of funds available on the Jean F Watson Bequest for 2009/2010 was £41,318.24.

Decision

To note the financial statement.

(Reference - financial statement by the Director of Finance, submitted.)

4 Obligations of Trustees

The Committee had previously requested the Director of Finance to submit a report covering the following issues: the Council's review of the trust funds that it administered; the obligations placed on charity trustees under regulations

applicable to Scotland; and the requirements of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) in respect of the annual trustees' report and accounts and the Council's proposed response to meeting those requirements.

Information was provided on the obligations placed on the charity trustees, generally and specifically on the requirements stipulated for the annual trustees' report and accounts.

Decision

To approve recommendations in respect of preparation of future trustees' reports and accounts for the Bequest.

(References: - Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest 16 March 2009 (Minute Item 4); report of the Director of Finance 25 February 2010, submitted.)

5 Acquisitions for the City's Fine Art Collection

The Committee gave consideration to purchasing the undernoted works and agreed as follows:-

Description	Price	Decision
5.1 Paintings by Cecile Walton (b 1891) Gerard de Nerval Oil on canvas	£8,500	To approve the purchase.
5.2 Works by Hamilton Finlay (b 1925) Two Temples: To Apollo His Music- His Missiles - His Muses Two narrow slate drums	£36,000	1) To approve the purchase. 2) To apply for grant aid from the Art Fund, the National Fund for Acquisitions

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Sails CN16 Stone Slab	£28,000	and the Friends of the City Art Centre and Museums. 1) To approve the purchase. 2) To apply for grant aid from the Art Fund, the National Fund for Acquisitions and the Friends of the City Art Centre and Museums.
Blue and Brown Poems Set of 12 lithographs	£5,500	1) To approve the purchase. 2) To apply for grant aid from the Art Fund, the National Fund for Acquisitions and the Friends of the City Art Centre and Museums.

6 Proposed Visit to the Usher Hall

Councillor Brock provided details of a proposed visit to the Usher Hall by members of the Jean F Watson Bequest Committee.

Decision

That details of the confirmed date of the proposed visit be circulated to all Committee members.

7 Dates of Future Meetings

Decision

- 1 To meet in November 2010 and May 2011 (dates to be confirmed).
- 2 To consider the frequency of future meetings at the November 2010 Committee.