

Minutes

Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest

2 pm, Wednesday, 30 April 2014

Present

Councillors Lewis (Convener), Doran, Fullerton, Keil, Paterson, and Redpath

1. Minutes

Decision

- 1) To approve the minute of the Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest of 12 October 2013 as a correct record.
- 2) To note that the previously requested reports, evaluating the Jean F Watson (JFW) collection and the newly introduced collection management system, would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the JFW Bequest.

2. Acquisitions

Frank Little, Museums & Galleries Manager, provided a verbal overview of the funding streams that had been explored during the Council's attempts to secure the purchase of the Rialto Bridge by Arthur Melville. It was reported that all avenues of funding have now been exhausted and sought approval from the Committee to explore alternative art work for the City Art Centre.

Decision

- 1) To note the verbal update.
- 2) To note the Director of Corporate Governance will investigate alternative purchases to the Rialto Bridge by Arthur Melville.

3. Change of Scheme of Delegation

Frank Little, Museums & Galleries Manager, verbally reported that at its meeting of 21 November 2013 the City of Edinburgh approved the Director of Corporate Governance recommendations to extend of the Jean F Watson Bequest Committee's terms of reference to include the Catherine E Cowper Trust and a revised reporting and approval mechanism for purchases funded by the Catherine E Cowper Trust.

Decision

To note the extension to the Committee's remit and Scheme of Delegation.

(References – Minute of the Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest 12 October 2013 (item 5); Minute of the City of Edinburgh Council 21 November 2013 (item 10))

4. Financial Update

The balance of funds available on the Jean F Watson Bequest for 2014/15 was estimated at £75,412.61.

Decision

To note the Financial Statement.

(Reference - Financial Statement by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

5. Tour of New Developments in the City Art Centre: Lower Ground Floor Gallery and Collection

At the conclusion of the meeting the Committee were given a tour of the City Art Centre and were shown some of the art work that the Jean F Watson Bequest had helped to secure.