

Culture and Communities Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 28 January 2020

Present

Councillors Wilson (Convener), McNeese-Mechan (Vice-Convener), Brown, Fullarton (substituting for Ian Campbell), Doggart, Doran, Key for items 1 to 7 (substituting for Councillor Howie), Mitchell, Osler, Rae and Staniforth.

1. Motion by Councillor Rae – Bingham Cup

a) Deputation - Caledonian Thebans Rugby

Munro Stevenson from Caledonian Thebans Rugby gave a deputation in relation to a motion by Councillor Rae regarding the Bingham Cup.

The following points were raised during the deputation:

- Thebans Rugby were a member of the international federation of gay and inclusive rugby clubs (IGR) which was established around the turn of the millennium. Since then the organisation had grown and had 85 full members internationally with 22 affiliated bodies. The biggest bloc of clubs was in the UK.
- The international federation of gay and inclusive rugby clubs was the representative body to world rugby on Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) issues and see the running of the Bingham Cup and management of the Bingham Cup bid process.
- There was no formal process from IGR about the bid process for the Bingham Cup, this was expected at a future date. In October 2019 Thebans Rugby announced that they were going to bid for the Bingham Cup. In May or June 2020 Thebans Rugby would be expected to submit their bid submission including their tournament and festival details. This would be followed by a revision period where the IGR trustees ensured the bid met all the criteria and if any changes were required this would be sent back to Thebans Rugby.
- The Deputation would present their bid at the IGR AGM in Ottawa in August 2020. Clubs would then vote, and Thebans Rugby would know by October or November 2020 if they had achieved the bid to secure hosting the tournament.
- Thebans Rugby were preparing for 3600 participants at the 2022 Bingham Cup. This would require a minimum of 12 rugby pitches to play.
- Sites for the tournament were set on Inverleith Park and the surrounding rugby clubs.
- The preferred dates were 24 June to 3 July 2022 and Local Authority support was essential in the criteria of the bid.
- Finals day for the tournament would be held at BT Murrayfield, which would promote the event to a wider audience.

b) Motion by Councillor Rae - Bingham Cup

The following motion by Councillor Rae was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Committee

- 1) Note the launch on Friday 25 October of the Bingham Cup 2022 bid, facilitated by the Caledonian Thebans RFC, which aimed to bring the biggest world's LGBT-inclusive rugby tournament to Edinburgh in 2022.
- 2) Note the Bingham Cup enjoyed participation from over 100 city-based teams from across the world.
- 3) Recognise the immense and wide-ranging benefits that hosting this global inclusive sporting event would bring to our City.
- 4) Acknowledge the input that was required from stakeholders across the City to facilitate the success of the bid.
- 5) Request that the Council formed a Steering Group, inviting key stakeholders including Scottish Rugby and the Bingham Cup Bid Committee to participate, with the objective of bringing the Bingham Cup 2022 to Edinburgh.”

- moved by Councillor Rae, seconded by Councillor Staniforth.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Rae.

2. The Quaich Outline Business Case

a) Deputation - Community Councils

A deputation was heard from Carol Nimmo, Samuel Piacentini, Isabel Thom and Simon Holledge from New Town Community Council, Broughton Community Council, West End Community Council and Tollcross Community Council in relation to a report on the Quaich Outline Business Case.

The following points were raised during by the deputation:

- That a population of 43,000 residents were represented across the four community councils.
- That there was widespread concern about the increasing commercialisation of public spaces which was demonstrated in public meetings and online. 850 people had attended a recent meeting that was hosted by the Cockburn Association entitled “City for Sale”.
- That the four community councils had submitted a joint statement along with the Cockburn Association which had broadly supported the goals of the Quaich project in terms of its commitment to green spaces and tranquillity, the improvement of the replacement of the Ross bandstand and improved access for all.
- That larger events or noise pollution from more events connected with the development that was proposed was unwelcome.
- That the developed of the welcome centre was questionable, as the overall quantum of development when considered in tandem with the Ross Bandstand was considered disproportionate in scale.

- That the character and integrity of the Gardens as a result of the developments could comprise Princes Street Gardens as they would clutter and obscure the Gardens.
- That a modest and incremental approach to development in the gardens was favoured.
- That the Outline Business Case presented required more detail to indicate whether the scheme would generate enough income and that clarifying the benchmarks to which assessments that were presented in the Business Case was required.
- If the Business Case was approved, clarity was required on who would oversee the business plan in terms of a reporting structure.
- That it was not clear where overall accountability lay for the project between Cultural Venues or Parks and Greenspace division of the Council.
- To note that catering and concession fees would be a greater source of income than the events which were planned to take place in the garden.
- That there were concerns that if more major events took place, this would lead to a loss of garden and a worry that common good land would be for profit rather than for the citizens of Edinburgh.

b) Deputation - Cockburn Association

A deputation was heard from Terry Levinthal in his capacity as Director of the Cockburn Association in relation to a report on the Quaich Business Case and the Public Spaces Management Plan (item 3 refers).

The following points were raised during deputation:

- That the outline business plan following completion of the Ross Development and the handing over of the asset back to the Council and the arrangements that would exist thereof, was what motivated the Cockburn Association to bring forward this deputation.
- That the Cockburn Association considered the lack of spending in the garden over the years as regrettable.
- That they were looking for the Council to offer a five, ten- and twenty-year plan for the management of the gardens as without it, the goal to make the project revenue neutral would not, in their opinion, be considered possible.
- That approving the Quaich outline business Case at this stage could prejudice the consultation that would follow for the development of a single public spaces protocol, which the Cockburn Association welcomed and were looking forward to participating in.
- That the Outline Business Case did not contain a sufficiently developed risk assessment.
- That there was a risk that if the Business Case was not financially viable, there may be a reliance on more events to generate income to offset the financial losses which was not welcome.
- That consideration to accordance with ISO 2121 was missing from the Business Case.

- That they felt that full financial information was not yet available and that it was considered premature for Elected Members to be making a determination on matters at this stage.
- That it was regrettable that the Outline Business Case document had not been available previously via the Stakeholder forum for the project.
- A more rigorous in-depth plan was requested.

c) Report by the Executive Director of Place

The current Ross Bandstand played Ross Development Trust was established as Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation and entered into a Development Agreement with the Council. Through the dedication, effort and fundraising support of the Quaich Trust, the Council and City had the opportunity to enhance the City Centre and West Princes Street Gardens through a revitalised public space. The Quaich Project was intended to make the Gardens accessible to all through a new lift, access slopes and customer facilities to comply with Disability Discrimination Act requirements.

Decision

- 1) To welcome the work that had been carried out to date by the Quaich Project and to support the intention to improve West Princes Street Gardens.
- 2) To agree to request that the Director of Place would provide a more detailed report to committee within one cycle setting out the assumptions in the business case that was presented.
- 3) To note that Councillor Osler had declared that she would recuse herself from the determination on matters pertaining to the Planning Application for the Quaich Project which would be considered by the Development Management Subcommittee of the Council.

(Reference – Report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

3. Development of a Public Space Management Plan

Progress made with reviewing the Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto (EPEM) and Public Spaces Protocol (PSP) to ensure that the approach to the management of public spaces in the city was co-ordinated and that simplified, transparent processes were in place to support the use of these spaces, was presented.

Motion

- 1) To note the initial findings of a review of the (EPEM) and the Public Spaces Protocol (PSP).
- 2) To note that it was intended to use these findings, alongside the motions from Committee and Council to develop a single Public Space Management Plan (PSMP) to be supported by a single set of processes, criteria and procedures when applications were received in the future.
- 3) To approve the principles for the PSMP as follows:
 - a) Parks, public spaces and our streets were critically important for supporting residents and businesses, as well as providing public health, social, economic

- and environmental benefits. The use of these spaces for events must not undermine this primary purpose;
- b) Many public spaces which were desirable for events and activities are in close proximity to residential areas and the impact on residents should be considered in determining the suitability of any requests for events or activities, as well as additional controls that should be put in place if the request was approved.
 - c) Edinburgh was a world festival city. Animating public spaces was an important feature of that status. However, impact on the city must always be a factor in decision making processes, and appropriate mitigations should be agreed in advance;
 - d) The long term protection of the city's public space assets was paramount. Issues such as reinstatement must be taken into account and planned for when public spaces were utilised.
 - e) The amount of utilisation of parks and public spaces was broadly currently appropriate, and neither significant reduction or expansion was justified;
 - f) Events were an important source of income to help in the maintenance of parks and open spaces. Community events in these spaces should be encouraged and competitive rates should be set in the case of commercial events where other criteria for use had been met;
 - g) Geographic dispersal was important in the decision-making process, trying to ensure events are distributed appropriately across the city, whilst recognising that every location had site specific issues;
 - h) Events, attractions and concessions must be good quality, well managed, in line with regulatory requirements (e.g. noise, licensing etc), and legally applicable enforcement arrangements should be set out to ensure that citizens can have confidence that breaches of these regulatory requirements are properly enforced, either through legal powers or contractual penalties;
 - i) Simplicity and transparency were important in policy and practise. Ambiguity should be removed.
 - j) Controls should be put in place to ensure that any events or activities do not adversely impact on the local environment or our natural assets. These controls should cover issues such as energy generation (particularly use of petrol or diesel generators and identification of hardwired power supplies where possible), noise pollution, litter, damage to trees, obstruction of footways, nuisance parking and damage to road surfaces or street furniture.
- 4) To note that it was intended to present the draft PSMP to Committee in March 2020, with consultation to begin in April 2020 and the final document would be presented to Committee in June 2020 for approval.

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McNeese-Mechan

Amendment

- 1) To note the initial findings of a review of the Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto (EPEM) and the Public Spaces Protocol (PSP).

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moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

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- 4) To note that it was intended to present the draft PSMP to Committee in March 2020, with consultation to begin in April 2020 and the final document would be presented to Committee in June 2020 for approval.

(Reference –report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

4. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Culture and Communities Committee of 12 November 2019 as a correct record.

5. Work Programme

The Culture and Communities Committee Work Programme was presented.

Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

6. Rolling Actions Log

The Culture and Communities Committee Rolling Actions Log was presented.

Decision

- 1) To approve the closure of:

Action 2 - Sport and Outdoor Learning

Action 7 – Physical Activity and Sport Strategy: An Interim Progress Report

Action 10 – Partnership Agreement with Police Scotland 2019-2020

Action 22 – Proposal for a Conscientious Objectors memorial in West Princes Street Gardens

- 2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

5. Business Bulletin

The Culture and Communities Committee Business Bulletin was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the information set out in the Business Bulletin.

- 2) Circulate information concerning Dowies Weir Mill to the Friends of The River Almond Walkway Group and Ward Councillors.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee Business Bulletin, submitted.)

6. Site Proposals and Options for Edinburgh's Christmas 2020

An update was provided on the amended motion by Councillor Staniforth to the 12 November 2019 meeting of the Culture and Communities Committee, to provide a report within one Committee cycle on proposals and options for Christmas 2020.

Decision

- 1) To note the site options explored and conclusions reached for Edinburgh's Christmas 2020.
- 2) To note that, as previously agreed, public consultation on the future delivery of Winter Festivals and associated events would be undertaken during 2020, and a reviewed events model for winter would be implemented in late 2022.
- 3) To agree to continue to look at Waterloo Place as part of Edinburgh's Christmas.
- 4) To note that Executive Director of Place to assess the contract that was in place and ascertain whether amendments were required to reflect the Council's advertising policy.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee, 10 September 2019 (item 9); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

7. Police Partnership Performance and Activity Report: 1 July 2019 to 30 September 2019

In June 2019 the Culture and Communities Committee agreed a refreshed Partnership Agreement between the City of Edinburgh Council and the Edinburgh Division of Police Scotland in respect of community policing and requested a detailed qualitative and quantitative progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander for Police Scotland, on a quarterly basis. The Performance and Activity report for the period from 1 July to 30 September 2019 was presented by Police Scotland.

Decision

To note the progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander for Police Scotland covering the Period 1 July to 30 September 2019.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee, 18 June 2019 (item 5); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

8. Draft Allotment Regulations – Public Consultation

A draft of the allotment regulations was presented to Committee for approval to progress to public consultation.

Decision

To approve the attached draft allotment regulations for public consultation.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

9. Festival and Events Core Programme 2020/21

An update was provided on the recommended core programme of festivals and events for 2020/21

Decision

- 1) To approve in principle the following proposed allocations towards sport events from the Events budget:
 - i) £40,000 towards the European Junior Diving Championships;
 - ii) £30,000 towards the Women's Tour of Scotland;
 - iii) £5,000 towards the Scottish Diving Championships;
 - iv) £5,000 towards the Scottish Short Course Swimming Championships;
 - v) £10,000 towards the UK Beach Volleyball Tour;
 - vi) £10,000 towards the Edinburgh International Swimming Meet;
 - vii) £50,000 towards the HSBC UK Let's Ride Edinburgh;
 - viii) £30,000 towards the BUCS Cross Country Championships and Edinburgh Winter Run;
 - ix) £8,000 towards a Pro-Team netball tournament.
- 2) To approve a contribution of £100,000 towards a proposed project to light the Granton Gasometer for a minimum of two years, and a project launch event in partnership with Edinburgh College.
- 3) To approve the Edinburgh Summer Sessions programme in West Princes Street Gardens for 2020 at the same level as 2019, being nine concerts.
- 4) To note the continued in principle commitment to the following events from the Events budget:
 - i) £5,000 towards Armed Forces Day from the 2020/21 financial year;
 - ii) £10,000 towards the Edinburgh Award;
 - iii) £8,000 towards the Remembrance Day Service.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee, 29 January 2019 (item12); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

10. Edinburgh: Million Tree City

Details were provided of the policy that directed the Council's tree protection, planting and care activities. The report presented the latest data on Edinburgh's tree resource, their number and estimated social and environmental benefits, as well as mechanisms put in place to encourage public support for trees in the city

Motion

- 1) To agree to recognise the value that urban trees played in addressing the Climate Emergency contributing to meet the Council's ambitious target of being net carbon neutral by 2030 and global biodiversity losses.
- 2) To note the Council's existing commitments to tree protection, planting and management and the increase in tree numbers attributable to the positive implementation of policy actions, development planning, and partnership working
- 3) To agree to support the ambition for Edinburgh to be a "Million Tree City" by 2030, ensuring continuing investment in measures to protect, plant and actively manage the city's trees and woodlands, aligning with the timeline of Scotland's Forest Strategy.

- 4) To agree to support the establishment of an Edinburgh 'Million Tree Forum' to bring together principal stakeholders so that the city could set an updated vision for trees in the city, could better communicate its tree values, plant trees more quickly, and collectively help to look after those already in its care.
 - 5) To support further i-Tree Eco surveys of Edinburgh's tree canopy cover and the ecosystem service benefits that its urban forest generates, communicating tree number and tree location data on an ongoing basis.
 - 6) To give consideration to using the environmental policies within the City Plan to progress the million-tree aspiration.
 - 7) To refer this report to Transport and Environment Committee.
- moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McNeese-Mechan.

Amendment

- 1) To recognise the value that urban trees played in addressing the Climate Emergency contributing: to meeting the Council's ambitious target of being net carbon neutral by 2030; and ongoing global biodiversity losses.
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- 7) To refer this report to Transport and Environment Committee.
- 8) To request that a report on tree numbers was brought to the Culture and Communities Committee on an annual basis which would include the following:
 - a) Number of trees planted (by species)
 - b) Number of trees lost (by species)

Thereby giving an understanding of how many trees were currently in Edinburgh and how close the Council was to achieving the aspiration of being a Million Tree City.

- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Mitchell

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Osler:

- 1) To recognise the value that urban trees play in addressing the Climate Emergency contributing: to meeting the Council's ambitious target of being net carbon neutral by 2030; and ongoing global biodiversity losses.
- 2) To note the Council's existing commitments to tree protection, planting and management and the increase in tree numbers attributable to the positive implementation of policy actions, development planning, and partnership working
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(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee, 25 October 2019 (item 1 and 3); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

11. Referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee, Internal Audit – Localities Operating Model

The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee on 13 August 2019 considered a report by the Chief Internal Auditor, Internal Audit Annual Opinion for the year ended 31 March, which detailed the outcome of the audits carried out as part of the Council's 2018/19 Internal Audit annual plan and the status of open Internal Audit findings as at 31 March 2019. The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee referred the Localities Operating Model Audit to the Culture and Communities Committee for review and scrutiny.

Decision

To note the report.

(References – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee, 13 August 2019 (item 7), referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee, submitted.)

12. VISER – Visually Impaired Supporters Enjoying Rugby - Motion by Councillor Brown

The following motion by Councillor Staniforth was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

- “1) To acknowledge the partnership between Edinburgh Rugby, BATs Rugby and the Royal Blind School to develop a braille ‘rugby pitch’ which allows people who are visually impaired to follow a rugby match via guided finger movement together with the aid of audio commentary.
- 2) To congratulate all involved in the project, including pupils from the Trinity Academy who volunteered trialling out the braille rugby board at recent Edinburgh Rugby fixtures at Murrayfield.
- 3) To recognise that the partnership is currently in discussion with companies to design and produce a 3D braille rugby pitch to enhance the experience further and increase further participation.
- 4) To note that the partnership is also keen to explore funding opportunities to further roll out the concept, and to hear from anyone interested in being part of this unique project.”

Decision

To agree to continue consideration of the motion to the next Culture and Communities Committee on 24 March 2020.

13. Winter Festival Consultation - Motion by Councillor Osler

The following motion by Councillor Osler was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

- “1) Committee notes the commitment to consult the public on the Edinburgh Winter Festival Programme which should follow the completion of the current contract with Underbelly.
 - 2) Committee agrees to establish a short-term working group, including representatives of all Council political groups to reflect the views of all the community to help shape the content of that Consultation.”
- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Mitchell.

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Osler.

- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Mitchell.

Amendment

To accept paragraph 1 of Councillor Osler’s Motion, delete paragraph 2, and add new paragraphs:

- 1) Committee requests formation of an All-Party Oversight Group on Festivals, to include elected members of all political groups and to enable them to seek views from key stakeholders including representatives of local communities.
- 2) Committee further recommends that if approved, this decision be included as part of the February report due on Winter Festivals to the Policy and Sustainability Committee.
- 3) The proposed All Party Group should follow the model set by existing APOGs and be focused on the planning of the major summer and winter festivals. This can then be used to help shape the design and content of the consultation on Winter Festivals.

- moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McNeese-Mechan.

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Osler:

- 1) Committee notes the commitment to consult the public on the Edinburgh Winter Festival programme which should follow the completion of the current contract with Underbelly in 2021/22.
- 2) Committee requests formation of an All-Party Oversight Group on Festivals, to include elected members of all political groups and to enable them to seek views from key stakeholders including representatives of local communities.
- 3) Committee further recommends that if approved, this decision be included as part of the February report due on Winter Festivals to the Policy and Sustainability Committee.
- 4) The proposed All Party Group should follow the model set by existing APOGs and be focused on the planning of the major summer and winter festivals. This can then be used to help shape the design and content of the consultation on Winter Festivals.