

Minutes

Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest

10.30am, Friday 28 August 2020

Present

Councillors McNeese-Mechan (Appointed Convener in the absence of Cllr Fullerton), Aldridge, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro and Rae.

1. Appointment of Convener

Decision

To appoint Councillor McNeese-Mechan as Convener in the absence of Councillor Fullerton.

2. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest of the 7 February 2020 as a correct record, subject to recording Gillian Ferguson as being in attendance from Friends of the City Arts Centre instead of Stephen Holland.

3. Jean F. Watson Financial Statement 2019/20

Details were provided on the financial position of the Miss Jean Fletcher Watson (known as Jean F. Watson) Charitable Trust since the last Committee meeting on the 7 February 2020.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree that officers would investigate options for displaying art works that were currently kept at the City Art Centre across the city in local communities, as part of the centenary celebrations of the Edinburgh Boundaries Extension Tramways Act 1920, which saw Leith and other areas merged into Edinburgh, and that a report would be brought to the next Committee setting out possible options.

(Reference - report by the Executive Director of Resources, submitted.)

4. Purchase of three unique digital prints by Rachel Maclean

Approval was sought for the purchase of three digital prints *Disunion*, *Green and Pleasant Land* and *Apparition* by Rachel Maclean.

Motion

To approve the purchase of three digital prints, *Disunion*, *Green and Pleasant Land* and *Apparition* by Rachel Maclean.

- moved by Councillor McNeese-Mechan, seconded by Councillor Rae

Amendment

To approve the purchase of *Apparition* by Rachel Maclean.

- Moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Mowat

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion - 4 votes
For the Amendment - 2 votes

(For the Motion: Councillors Aldridge, McNeese-Mechan, Munro and Rae.

For the Amendment: Councillors Mitchell and Mowat.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McNeese-Mechan.

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