

Minutes

Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest

10.00am, Friday 17 December 2021

Present

Councillors McNeese-Mechan (Convener), Aldridge, Fullerton, Mowat, Munro and Rose.

In attendance

Ade Adesina, (Artist), Ms Gillian Ferguson, (Chair of the Friends of the City Arts Centre) and Professor Murdo MacDonald, (Professor of Scottish Art History, University of Dundee).

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest of the 28 August 2020 as a correct record.

2. Jean F. Watson Financial Statement 2020/22

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 28 August 2020.

Decision

To note the report.

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

3. Purchase of a sculptural installation by Virginia Hutchison

Approval was sought for the purchase of the sculptural installation *Study for a Kiss #5* (2020) by Virginia Hutchison (b.1976).

Decision

To approve the purchase of the sculptural installation *Study for a Kiss #5* (2020) by Virginia Hutchison (b.1976).

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

4. Purchase of two paintings by Olivia Irvine

Two paintings by artist Olivia Irvine (b.1960) were presented to the Committee for consideration. These formed part of a group of works which were completed during the

period of lockdown in 2020 and were responses to the loss of her father due to COVID-19 during that time.

Decision

- 1) To approve the purchase of two paintings by Olivia Irvine (b.1960) – *Marriage in Ankara* and *Handle with Care*.
- 2) To agree that officers would consider the possibility of showing these paintings around the city in public libraries, village halls and other public spaces as part of the travelling gallery work.

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

5. Purchase of an artwork by David McCulloch (b.1968)

A vinyl artwork entitled *Walk of Faith* by artist David McCulloch was presented to the Committee for consideration. This artwork formed part of a group of works which were completed during the period of lockdown in 2020 and was a direct response to the anxiety and unease which we all experienced at that time.

Decision

To approve the purchase of *Walk of Faith* by David McCulloch (b.1968).

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

6. Purchase of a photographic portfolio by Norman McBeath

Committee was asked for approval for the purchase of the photographic portfolio *Perdendosi* (2021) by Norman McBeath (b.1952).

Decision

To approve the purchase of the photographic portfolio *Perdendosi* (2021) by Norman McBeath (b.1952).

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

7. Purchase of a painting by Donald Smith (1926–2014)

An oil painting entitled *Fisherman with Creels* was presented to the Committee for consideration. This artwork formed part of a large exhibition of Donald Smith's work which was shown at the City Art Centre from 29 May to 26 September 2021.

Decision

To approve the purchase of a painting by Donald Smith (1926- 2014) entitled *Fisherman with Creels*.

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