

# Minutes

## Culture and Communities Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 26 April 2022

### Present:-

Councillors Wilson (Convener), McNeese-Mechan (Vice-Convenor), Booth, Brown, Doggart, Doran, Fullerton, Mitchell, Osler, Staniforth and Ethan Young.

### 1. Minutes

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#### Decision

To approve the minute of the Culture and Communities Committee of 1 February 2021 as a correct record, subject to the textual change to the recommendation that an update on progress with arrangements for hosting the original Jawbone partners in the next Business Bulletin, to instead reflect that an update on progress with arrangements for hosting the original Jawbone would return to a subsequent Committee.

### 2. Work Programme

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#### Decision

To note the work programme of the Culture and Communities Committee of 26 April 2022.

### 3. Rolling Actions Log

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The Culture and Communities Committee Rolling Actions Log was presented.

#### Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
  - **Action 2** – King’s Theatre Capital Redevelopment Update Report
  - **Action 7 (2)** – City Centre Hostile Vehicle Mitigation Measures Update Report
  - **Action 9** – Appointments to Working Groups
  - **Action 11** - Cemetery Tour Guide Operator Registration Scheme
  - **Action 13** - Festivals and Events Core Programme 2021/22
  - **Action 14** - Edinburgh Million Tree City
  - **Action 16** - Petitions for Consideration: Street Hockey and Skate Park

- **Action 17 (2)** - Parks and Greenspace Investment
  - **Action 19** - Anti-Social Behaviour Motion Report
  - **Action 20** - Rolling Actions Log
  - **Action 21** – Rolling Actions Log
  - **Action 24** - Fields in Trust Protected Public Parks and Green Space
  - **Action 25 (1)** - Physical Activity and Sports Strategy – Planning Ahead
  - **Action 26 (2)** - Public Realm CCTV Update
  - **Action 28** - Update on the Cultural Strategy Diversity Programme
  - **Action 29** – Business Bulletin
  - **Action 30** - Fields in Trust Protected Public Parks and Green Spaces
  - **Action 34** - Revenue Monitoring Update – 2021/22 Month Six Position
- 2) To note that outstanding actions would be carried over to a future meeting of the Culture and Communities Committee or its successor committee.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee Rolling Actions Log 26 April 2022, submitted.)

#### **4. Business Bulletin**

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The Culture and Communities business bulletin was presented.

##### **Decision**

- 1) To agree to note the business bulletin.
- 2) To agree to explore more ways of circulating the Business Bulletin.
- 3) To agree to celebrate the activities undertaken by volunteers whose goodwill to volunteer supported civic life in the city and to thank the members and all those in the cultural sector who contributed to this.
- 4) To thank librarians and libraries staff for providing vital services during the pandemic.
- 5) To agree to clarify the timeline for the future business bulletin update for the Meadows Jawbone Arch Conservation Project and circulate this information to Elected Members.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee Business Bulletin 26 April 2022, submitted.)

## 5. Presentation – Third Sector Interface

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Bridie Ashrowan (EVOC), Claire Pattullo (Edinburgh Social Enterprises) and Paul Wilson (Volunteer Edinburgh) gave a presentation on the Third Sector Interface. The presentation focussed on:

### **Building Capacity of the Third Sector**

- The Assets
- Responsive, Effective, Agile
- Resilience
- Infrastructure

### **Developing and Enterprising Third Sector**

- Social Enterprises in Edinburgh
- People before profit
- Member led network
- Impact

### **Building the Wealth of Communities**

- Governance Support
- Influence
- Agility
- 'Thriving Local'

### **Principles for Growing the Wealth of Communities**

- Plural ownership of the economy
- Making financial powers work for local places
- Fair employment and just labour markets
- Progressive procurement of goods and services
- Socially productive use of land and property

### **Examples Progressing:**

- SG Community Mental Health: £1.2 million collaborative, innovative
- Schools: Working with local groups for family or young people work
- UB: Plan a PSP/PACT
- Local Communities: Grow resilient networks

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the presentation

- 2) To note that an induction to showcase the Third Sector Interface to newly elected Councillors would be available.

## **6 Presentation – Creative Edinburgh**

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Ola Wojkiewicz (Creative Scotland) gave a presentation on Creative Edinburgh. The presentation focused on:

### **Creative Edinburgh:**

- The biggest creative sector membership organisation in Scotland
- Key strands include 1. Creative Development, Research and learning, 2. Advocacy and Support and, 3. Networking and events programme

### **Creative Freelancers Research**

- Research Partners

### **Research Context**

- Covid-19
- Brexit
- Climate Emergency
- Economic Uncertainty

### **Research Objectives**

- Explore and analyse the situation across the creative sector
- Understand the lived experience of creative freelancers
- Gather recommendations for change
- Inform shaping a sustainable, supportive culture across Edinburgh and Scotland

### **Methodology**

- Survey Results Provided

### **Focus Groups**

- Membership & Services Across the City
- Net Zero Economy
- Fair Work & Freelancing
- Freelancer's Wellbeing
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Internationalism
- Connections to wider creative communities and industry

### **Interim Findings**

- Statistics on employment provided

### **Key Demographics**

- Demographic Statistics provided

### **Early Analysis Recommendations**

- The creative sector was critical to the city's current and future success, attracting a young and diverse talent pool who were willing to stay in the sector long term
- Creative Freelancers were in a vulnerable position and there was a need support from government and others to ensure that they're able to continue to support this thriving sector.

### **Next Steps**

- Final Report – end of May 2022
- Project partners meeting and dissemination
- Presentation to the Scottish government, Creative Scotland, and other stakeholders
- To be included in Creative Edinburgh's Business Plan 2022-27
- To inform Creative Edinburgh's Membership development

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the presentation.
- 2) To agree to bring the finalised report back to the Committee.
- 3) To agree to circulate the presentation to the Committee.

## **7. Core Events Programme 2022/23**

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The report by the Executive Director of Place provided an annual update on the core sporting events being supported throughout the city and provided information on the new sporting events that were being supported. The report highlighted new events at the Edinburgh International Climbing Arena in Ratho, such as netball events and work that had been undertaken to support the music sector within the city.

### **Decision**

- 1) To agree the programme of events for 2022/23 as detailed in the report and summarised in Appendix 1.
- 2) To note that there was underspend and that officers would be more proactive in seeking out events in the city which might require funding.

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

## **8. Custom House: Feasibility Study Report**

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### **Decision**

Withdrawn from agenda at the request of the Executive Director of Place as there was need for further public consultation and further discussion with the Board of the Historic Consultation Trust, and would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

## **9. Makars' Court: Proposed Additional Inscriptions**

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The report provided background to the development of Makars' Court as a National Monument to Scottish writers and other key figures, as well as information on Mary

MacPherson and George Bruce, the 2 Scottish Poets that had recently been nominated for inclusion in Makars' Court.

### **Decision**

- 1) To agree to the addition of two proposed new inscriptions to Makars' Court.
- 2) To agree to consider further ways to highlight the work of the Makars and Scottish writers and allow members of the public easier access to this.
- 3) To note that all the languages of Scotland would be represented, including Gaelic and English.

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

## **10. Filming in Edinburgh 2021**

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An annual report on ongoing work of the City of Edinburgh Council's film office 'Film Edinburgh' including the economic impact of filming in Edinburgh for 2021 was presented.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the city's success in attracting and facilitating film and television production in Edinburgh in 2021.
- 2) To note the economic impact of filming in the city
- 3) To agree to clarify the training which would take place through Edinburgh College and to provide update to Councillor McNeese-Mechan.
- 4) To note that the breadth of filming activity in Edinburgh was a considerable achievement and to indicate that Film Edinburgh was a great resource in this City for this type of activity.

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

## **11. Management Rules for Public Parks and Greenspace 2022/23**

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Details were provided of the current Management Rules for Public Parks and Greenspace which expired in February 2023. The Rules were previously reviewed in 2013 and were brought up to date in line with the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 and as such were now broadly consistent with the Act. The report sought approval for proposed changes to the Rules and for engagement with stakeholders and the wider public.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note that the Management Rules for Public Parks and Greenspace expired in February 2023.
- 2) To note the proposed amendments and suggested changes to the Management Rules for Public Parks and Greenspace.
- 3) To approve commencing a process of public and Elected Member engagement to consider the suggested amendments and to seek additional suggestions.

- 4) To note that a final draft of the proposed Rules would be presented to Committee for approval prior to statutory advertising.
- 5) To agree that when developing management rules, to liaise with Legal Services to ensure clarity of regulations and that they complied with legislation and that signs reflecting the rules for individual parks.
- 6) To agree to clarify which department or service was responsible for handling enforcement and complaints in the follow up report which would be presented to Culture and Communities or a successor committee.
- 7) To agree to work with Active Travel regarding cycle infrastructure and to consider ways to deal with issues such as abandoned cycles.
- 8) To agree to ensure there would be public engagement and an update provided on the issue of barbeques.
- 9) To agree to give consideration to the use of bollards to deter illegal parking at Saughton Park and provide an update to committee.
- 10) To agree to provide an update to Members on CCTV and security in parks.
- 11) To agree to consider controls which would address noise and surface erosion associated with outdoor exercise classes.
- 12) To note that there should be proactive provision for communal activities, that enforcement was under resourced, and that there should be clear delineation of responsibilities for enforcement.
- 13) To agree to update Councillor Fullerton on the staffing at Saughton Park on 25.04.22.

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

## **12. Internal Audit: Overdue Findings and Key Performance Indicators as at 26 January 2022 – Referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee**

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The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee had referred the report to the Culture and Communities Committee for ongoing scrutiny of relevant overdue management actions.

### **Decision**

- 1) Recommendations approved.
- 2) To note that 13 actions which were listed as open and overdue within the report at appendix 2, at the time of the committee there were only 3 open and all of the locality actions were closed or being implemented or reviewed in the near future.
- 3) Of the tree management actions, 1.1 and 1.2 had now closed and the risks associated with the actions had been downgraded from high to medium.

(References – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee of 8 March 2022 (item 5); referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee, submitted.)

### **13. Review of Effectiveness of Scrutiny of the Culture and Communities Committee**

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A summary of a self-evaluation workshop undertaken by Culture and Communities Committee members on 1 March 2022 to assess the political management arrangements which were in place, committee effectiveness and lessons learnt from this Council term was presented.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note the outputs from self-evaluation workshop undertaken by the Culture and Communities Committee members on 1 March 2022 to assess current political management arrangements, committee effectiveness and lessons learnt from this Council term.
- 2) To note the outputs from the self-evaluation workshop would inform the design of political management arrangement proposals and support provided to elected members around the local government election 2022 and following Council term.

(Reference – Report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted).

### **14. Amplification of Sound in Public Spaces – Response in Motion**

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A response to the motion by Councillor Neil Ross on the Amplification of Sound in Public Spaces from the Council meeting on 28 October 2021 was presented.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree to continue to erect notices to indicate and signpost appropriate busking locations, and to ensure that the Environmental Team would be working with the police to identify busking hot spots.
- 3) To agree to revisit Section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act to identify what powers were available and how they could be enforced and to agree to provide a further report or briefing note to the Committee.
- 4) To agree to provide a web form for residents to report busking concerns.
- 5) To agree to adopt learnings for management of busking from other Scottish cities and to work with the Scottish Government to address gaps in legislation.
- 6) To agree to verify with Police Scotland the number of convictions for noise offences after 9.00 pm and to liaise with Councillor Doggart.

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

### **15. Update on the Culture Diversity Programme**

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The report by the Executive Director of Place marked the conclusion of the Creative Scotland and City of Edinburgh Council Diversity Agent for Change Partnership programme and provided an overview of the Diversity Programme. The report also

provided an update on the developments and activities delivered by the programme since October 2021.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the conclusion of the Creative Scotland and City of Edinburgh Council Diversity Agent for Change Partnership project.
- 2) To note the update on the programme provided within the report.
- 3) To note the integration of this programme into the Council's Cultural Partnerships and Strategy work programme moving forward.

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

## **16. Edinburgh Million Tree City Update**

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An update on the Edinburgh Million Tree City (EMTC) project and details progress with tree planting activities, procuring supplies, and establishing contacts with stakeholders and suppliers who wished to contribute to achieving the ambition to reach one million trees by 2030 was presented.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the successful launch event of the Edinburgh Million Tree City (EMTC) Project held at Lauriston Castle Gardens in October 2021.
- 2) To note a recorded net increase of 24,332 trees in and around Edinburgh in 2021/22
- 3) To note progress with the EMTC Project in determining planting locations and planting trees, and collating tree numbers.
- 4) To note that Champion City status had been awarded to Edinburgh by the Queen's Green Canopy Initiative Committee to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022.
- 5) To note that regular EMTC Project updates would be provided on progress towards the Council's target of one million trees by 2030
- 6) To include fruit trees and community orchards in planting and to review the Woodland Trust's offer of fruit trees.
- 7) To ensure that there would be maintenance and water care for newly planted trees and to include that as part of ongoing work, trying to ensure that residents helped with this.

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

## **17. City Centre Street Hockey and Skating Facility**

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An assessment was provided on the feasibility of a safe street hockey and skating facility on an open space site within Edinburgh's city centre. It also considered the suitability of potential peripheral sites. No suitable city centre sites were identified, however beyond the city centre, Burdiehouse Valley Park was considered the best option.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the city centre and peripheral open space areas considered for a combined street hockey and skatepark facility and the assessment carried out.
- 2) To note that the assessment of city centre open space areas did not identify a suitable site for a combined street hockey and skatepark facility.
- 3) To note the intention to carry out community engagement to seek views on the potential refurbishment/upgrade of the skatepark facility within Burdiehouse Valley Park which could incorporate a street hockey/multi-use games area.
- 4) To improve facilities of existing parks, such as Burdiehouse Valley Park and to consider creating facilities in others.

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

### Appendix One

Event	Allocation
New music-based street art festival	£10,000
Wide Days £15,000	£15,000
UK Beach Tour Volleyball	£20,000
Scottish Volleyball Finals	£10,000
Netball Superleague Events	£8,000
Armed Forces Day	£5,000
Edinburgh Award	£10,000
Remembrance Day	£8,000
Climbing Events	£5,000
Swimming Events at RCP	£20,000
TOTAL	£111,000
Budget Available	£115,000
Unallocated Budget	£4,000