

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

CULTURE & TOURISM SUB-COMMITTEE

5PM – 10 NOVEMBER 2005

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
HOVE TOWN HALL**

MINUTES

Present: Councillor John (Chair), Councillors Battle (DC), Mrs Brown, Davidson, Hawkes, Morgan, Older, Randall, Smith (OS) and Mrs Theobald

PART ONE

ACTION

21 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

21A Declarations of Substitutes

21.1 There were no declarations of substitutes.

21B Declarations of Interest

21.2 There were none.

21C Exclusion of Press and Public

21.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

21.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any items on the agenda.

22. MINUTES

22.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2005 be approved and signed by the Chair.

23. PRESENTATION BY THE MAYOR

23.1 Councillor Carden, the Mayor, attended the meeting to present

to the Chair items representing the period when Hove had its own Mayor. The Chair thanked Councillor Carden and confirmed that the items, which included the number plate from the mayoral car, would be incorporated into the collections held by the Royal Pavilion, Libraries and Museums.

Pauline Scott-Garrett

24. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

24.1 No public questions were asked.

25. FOREIGN LITERATURE IN THE JUBILEE STREET LIBRARY – LETTER FROM COUNCILLOR ALLEN

25.1 Councillor Allen attended to speak in support of a letter he had submitted proposing that the Jubilee Library increase its stock of foreign literature (see minute book). He considered that there was a need to replenish current stock with more works by major writers in the original languages.

25.2 The Chair's response to Councillor Allen is attached as an Appendix.

25.3 **RESOLVED** – To note the letter from Councillor Allen and the response.

26. TWELVE – PRESENTATION BY THE KEEPR OF WORLD ART

26.1 The Keeper of World Art and the Curator of World Art made a presentation on Project Twelve, which had involved collaboration between Brighton Museum & Art Gallery, the artist Erika Tan and individuals from Brighton & Hove Chinese communities. The project had enabled them to compile an archive of images and oral testimonies relating to Chinese history in Brighton & Hove. New installations and displays had been set up in Brighton Museum & Art Gallery. The officers stated that they that they hoped to adopt the model for work with other communities in the city.

27. ARTS COMMISSION 'MAKING A DIFFERENCE PROGRAMME'

27.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Cultural Services concerning the latest activities of the Arts Commission of Brighton & Hove including the lottery funded programme *making a difference* (see minute book).

27.2 **RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

28. PROGRESS ON BRIGHTON & HOVE'S SPORTS STRATEGY

28.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the Sports Strategy for Brighton & Hove (see

minute book). The Sports Strategy and Action Plan will be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee on 25 January 2006 for adoption, following formal consultation. The Head of Leisure stated that the aim was to encourage more residents to become involved in sport and take exercise. She invited Sub-Committee members to give their views.

28.2 Members made the following points:

- Children should be encouraged to exercise outside school hours. Experience has shown this works better when they are consulted on the resources they need.
- Schools have good facilities which should be used out of hours.
- People need to be aware of the options available for exercising for 30 minutes 5-times a week.
- We need a strategy to reconcile the use of playing fields by different sports clubs.

**Sue
Drummond**

28.3 **RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

29. CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE UK'S RATIFICATION OF THE 1954 HAGUE CONVENTION AND ACCESSION TO ITS TWO PROTOCOLS

29.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Cultural Services containing a response to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) on its consultation paper on the UK's ratification of the 1954 Hague Convention and Accession to its two Protocols (see minute book)

29.2 **RESOLVED** – That the response to the DCMS's consultation paper on the UK's ratification of the 1954 Hague Convention and Accession to its two Protocols be approved as set out in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 of the report relating to general and enhanced protection.

**Pauline Scott-
Garrett**

30. NEW ROAD ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT

30.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Cultural Services concerning progress with the New Road Environmental Enhancement Scheme (see minute book). The Assistant Director Transport attended for this item.

30.2 Members noted that Environment Committee had considered the scheme and public consultation was about to take place.

30.3 The Sub-Committee fully supported the proposals to improve New Road. However, they expressed some concerns relating to:

- Paving materials to be sympathetic to those used on the Jubilee

site;

- Adequate lighting, especially late evening;
- The “no right turn” sign for traffic leaving New Road must be enforced;
- The council should be prepared to close New Road for events during the Festival and at other times;
- Disabled parking;
- Re-location of the Max Miller statue.

**Carolyn
Dwyer**

30.4 **RESOLVED** – That the progress on the New Road Environmental Enhancement Scheme be noted.

31. LIBRARIES REVIEW AND BUSINESS PLANNING

31.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Cultural Services concerning the libraries review and business planning process (see minute book)

31.2 There was some debate about the best way to consult members on the draft plan before the public consultation. A member proposed that this should be done at a formal meeting of the sub-committee but a vote was taken which was defeated. It was agreed instead that sub-committee members should receive a copy of the document and be invited to attend an informal meeting.

31.3 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the principles, process and consultation strategy be agreed as set out in the report.

(2) That sub-committee members be invited to an informal meeting to agree the final text of the libraries review and business planning process before the public consultation begins.

32. LIBRARY & JUBILEE STREET REDEVELOPMENT

32.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Strategy & Governance informing members on awards received in respect of the Jubilee Library and on the Word project, which is being used to celebrate the opening of the library and to promote reading. The report also provided the results of a recent Economic Impact Study undertaken for the wider Jubilee Street redevelopment process (see minute book).

32.2 The sub-committee recommended that the report be referred to the full Council.

32.3 **RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.55 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2005

APPENDIX**Foreign language collections in Jubilee Library****Response from Cllr Sue John to Cllr Kevin Allen**

We are pleased that Councillor Allen appreciates the extensive and representative collection of foreign literature in translation held at Jubilee library. Works by many foreign writers in translation were amongst the 25,000 new books bought for the opening of the new library.

The collection of literature in translation is more limited but has also been refreshed and added to. The budget allocation from the bookfund for this section was increased in 2004/5 and again in 2005/6. Last year the library service bought new collections of the major European languages (French, German, Spanish and Italian) for Jubilee and for Hove libraries. We also have new titles in Italian and Russian, plus a few examples of other languages.

The purchase for the collections focussed more on best-selling books in these languages in order to maximise issues and use of the collections rather than especially buying the classics.

The library still has around £3000 from this year's allocation to spend on books in other languages. The plan was to spend it again on titles in the 4 major European languages, plus a small collection in Polish, because of the increase in Polish workers to Brighton & Hove. However these plans could include the addition of a wide-ranging selection of classics.

There is always the facility for the library service to request batches of 6 books at a time in particular languages through the inter-library loans scheme. This could be used to cover the classics in the meantime. In addition local university libraries also provide reference access to a significant collection of literary classics in their original languages.

The library service also liaises with relevant community groups to assess needs and could promote its collections more via publicity and information on its website.