



CABINET SITTING AS TRUSTEES OF BLACKWOOD MINERS' INSTITUTE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY 2019 AT 11.20A.M.

PRESENT

Councillor D.V. Poole – Chair

Councillors:

N. George (Neighbourhood Services), C.J. Gordon (Corporate Services), Mrs B. Jones (Finance, Performance and Governance), P. Marsden (Education and Achievement), S. Morgan (Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability), L. Phipps (Homes and Places) and E. Stenner (Environment and Public Protection).

Together with:

C. Harrhy (Interim Chief Executive), M. S. Williams (Interim Corporate Director - Communities), S. Harris (Interim Head of Business Improvement Services and Interim S. 151 Officer).

Also in attendance:

P. Hudson (Marketing and Events Manager), R. Lloyd (Network Co-Ordinator), L. Lane (Deputy Monitoring Officer) and A. Dredge (Committee Services Officer).

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed R. Lloyd (Network Co-ordinator at Blackwood Miners' Institute) to the meeting, as she'd recently been appointed to this role.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C.J. Cuss, R. Edmunds (Corporate Director for Education and Corporate Services), D. Street (Corporate Director for Social Services and Housing) and R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.

4. CABINET AS TRUSTEES OF BLACKWOOD MINERS' INSTITUTE MINUTES – 15TH MAY 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2019 (minute nos. 1 - 4) be approved and signed as a correct record.

4. BLACKWOOD MINERS' INSTITUTE - UPDATE REPORT

At the Cabinet as Trustees of Blackwood Miners' Institute meeting held on the 15th May 2019, it was resolved to 'Appoint new Trustees under the existing Trust' with an additional recommendation that a total of 9 new Trustees, 4 from members of the public and 5 Cabinet member representatives be appointed.

Officers explained that following this meeting, the Council's Legal Services Department are considering how best to bring about the required changes to the Charity's existing governing document to bring into effect the recommendation, particularly with regard to decision making procedures following the appointment of new trustees. It was further explained that once the changes are brought into effect by resolution of the Trustee, the Charity Commission must be notified. In some cases, the Charity Commission can also make the changes of its own accord by making a new charitable scheme. Cabinet were advised that before the legal changes can be implemented a number of steps needed to be taken which were outlined in paragraph 5.1.1 of the report.

The report also provided an update on a number of areas of operation and programme activity that include:

- Trustee membership review
- Box Office opening hours
- Staffing requirements
- Digital Marketing Signage
- Arts & Education Network
- Communities for Work Plus – Employment mentoring support
- Programme

Cabinet thanked the Officer's for the report and discussion ensued.

Cabinet considered the current status of appointing the new trustees and acknowledged that the relevant skills and knowledge will be required from the external trustees. Members' emphasised the importance of expediting this process to resolution as there is a need for Blackwood Miners' Institute to be on a full commercial footing for the benefit of the community, in moving forward.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that subject to the inclusion of an additional recommendation, in that *Officers to obtain Legal advice regarding advising the Charity Commission that the Council wish to proceed with changing the Membership to include appointing 4 external Trustees for Blackwood Miners' Institute at the earliest opportunity*, the recommendations in the report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's Report and subject to the aforementioned additional recommendation:

- (i) the steps outlined in paragraph 5.1.1 to establish the change of Trustees Membership previously resolved and support the saving proposals identified in paragraphs 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 of the report as part of the Council's budget setting process for 2020/21, be endorsed;
- (ii) Officers to obtain Legal advice regarding advising the Charity Commission that the Council wish to proceed with changing the Membership to include 4 external Trustees of Blackwood Miners' Institute, at the earliest opportunity.

The meeting closed at 11.30am.

CHAIR