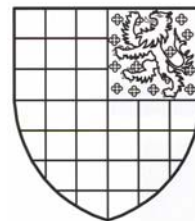


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MINUTES

of the meeting of the **All Saints Centre (ASC) Steering Group** held on **Friday 27th July 2012**, in the **Yarrow Room, Town Hall, Lewes at 11:00am.**

PRESENT Cllrs Catlin (Wischhusen); M Chartier; S Murray; R O’Keeffe; and Dr M Turner.

In attendance: S Brigden (*Town Clerk [TC]*) Miss L Zeyfert (*Manager, All Saints Centre*)

ASCSG2012/01 **ELECTION of CHAIRMAN** Cllr Dr Turner was elected as chairman of the Steering Group.

ASCSG2012/02 **APOLOGIES for ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from Cllr J Daly, who was on holiday, and Cllrs M Kent, M Milner, and A Price; who had work commitments.

ASCSG2012/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were none

ASCSG2012/04 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS:** There were none. (No public or press were present)

ASCSG2012/05 **BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:**

1 The petition, received from Lewes Cinema Ltd on 29th May regarding the Council’s decision to screen popular films at All Saints, was considered. This had been presented to Council on 14th June, accompanied by a short analysis of the entries and comments recorded. The Steering Group noted the comments from signatories and reaffirmed their intention to provide a service in much the same way as the previous operator.

2 Members discussed a letter, received from Mrs W Stonestreet in respect of comments made in Council during assessment of the petition. There was some misunderstanding over statements in this assessment, and Cllr Turner would reply to Mrs Stonestreet to clarify these points.

3 The Group discussed the latest position on various matters in progress: It was believed that a planning application was likely to be submitted later in the year for a development at the Harvey’s Depot site including a cinema, and acknowledged that other facilities could open in the town at other venues at any time. This was understood and accepted. It was noted that the versatility of the ASC would be enhanced by the new seating, and that the Centre was readily-adaptable.

The tiered seating was scheduled for installation in mid-August, as was the upgraded projector, and sound equipment. Graphic designs for the brand “Film at All Saints” were considered, and members expressed preferences and made constructive comments. It was agreed that these would be accommodated before publication of “launch” material for the venture.

It was reported that the Oyster Project would be unable to maintain the kiosk service as originally planned, as several unforeseen difficulties had arisen for the organization. Miss Zeyfert had undertakings from volunteers to effect the service, and this would be developed in the light of experience once the venture was underway. Ticketing was discussed, and it was reported that the registration with an online service was in hand.

Lewes Film Club’s programme suggestions for the first three weekends were considered, and Members discussed the titles proposed. Details had been provided from the film industry’s international movie database, and these were considered with interest. It was agreed that the proposals represented an attractive mix of films. With regard to the centre’s stage lighting, advice had been gratefully received from an expert engineer, and loadings were being assessed for a new truss frame capable of carrying more modern light units.

Various other minor matters were discussed, and members noted their satisfaction

with developments in general.

It was reported that Mr Paul Thorpe, the long-standing caretaker of the Centre had announced his intention to retire at the end of December. This would be reported to Council in due course, but Steering Group Members were keen to record their congratulations to Mr Thorpe, and their thanks for his dedication to the building over so many years.

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There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed and thanked everyone for their contribution.

The meeting closed at 12:20pm

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