

## LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

Present: Councillor S.J. Griffiths (Chairman); Councillor Ms. R.M. Birch (Vice-Chairman); Councillors T.H. Jarvie, G.C Kemp, Mrs. J.M. Norman, L.O. Rowlands, Mrs. S.D. Perkes and N.C. Thomas.

Co-opted Members: Mrs. J. Lynch-Wilson (Parent Governor – Primary Sector), Mr. H. Gapper (Welsh-medium Education) and Mr. I. Cramb (Vale Youth Forum).

Also present: Councillors L. Burnett (Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration), N. Moore (Leader of the Council) and Mrs. S.M. Hanks.

### 411 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillor A.C. Parker and Dr. M. Price (Roman Catholic Church).

### 412 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Chairman read the following statement:

“May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing.”

Councillor Jarvie relayed to Committee a message of thanks from Councillor Parker for their condolences as expressed during the previous meeting.

### 413 MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 be approved as a correct record.

### 414 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor G.C. Kemp declared an interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 4 – Review of Statues, Monuments, Street Names and Building Names – Review of Panel Terms of References. The nature of his interest was that he was Chairman of Llancarfan Society which served a similar function to a Historical Society. As there was no specific reference to Llancarfan Society in the report, the Councillor remained in the meeting.

#### 415 REVIEW OF STATUES, MONUMENTS, STREET NAMES AND BUILDING NAMES – REVIEW PANEL TERMS OF REFERENCE (REF) –

Cabinet, on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, had endorsed the proposed terms of reference for a Review Panel to assist in the review of statues, monuments, street names and building names in the Vale of Glamorgan in light of the Black Lives Matter movement. The review had been endorsed by Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, and Cabinet had resolved that a report regarding the terms of reference for the Review Panel also be referred to Committee for consideration.

The Head of Policy and Business Transformation advised that the Panel that would be established would review any representations received and would be made up of elected Members and external experts, with recommendations of the Panel being reported to Cabinet for consideration in due course. The full terms of reference were attached at Appendix A to the report and set out for the Panel its purpose and role, Membership, Accountability, Working methods, Meetings and Review.

Discussion ensued with the Officer addressing Members' queries as follows:

- While it had been suggested that representations from Town and Community Councils be received before the end of January 2021, representations received later than this would still be considered by the Review Panel. Moreover, correspondence could be re-sent to Town and Community Councils requesting their representations.
- The inclusion of Historical Societies in the review would not be restricted to those of the Vale of Glamorgan's larger communities (for instance Barry and Penarth), and in identifying additional experts who could contribute to the review, the Panel would seek support from individuals with local knowledge throughout the Vale, including in smaller communities. Where more than one Historical Society existed within a community, careful consideration would be given as to how to involve them.
- The Panel would convene to consider representations from Town and Community Councils and the wider public (once the call to make representations had been made available to them), and if appropriate would engage appropriate experts such as historians in order to seek a range of views on a given matter.
- Two representations had been received from Town and Community Councils thus far, one of which had been from Penarth Town Council.
- Decisions regarding any proposals would lie with Cabinet, however the Review Panel's meetings would be minuted, and where conflicting views were presented to the Review Panel, the meeting minutes would be referred to Cabinet for their consideration.
- The Committee would receive updates regarding the review as it was the relevant Scrutiny Committee for Equalities matters, however the Review Panel's proposals could be referred to other Committees for consideration depending on the content of their recommendations.
- While an important element of the process was to review existing historical references within the Vale, it also aimed to celebrate diversity and representations could suggest individuals who were worthy of commendation.

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This may, in turn, inform consideration in existing processes such as the naming of new streets.

The Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration, with permission to speak, wished to emphasise that the review would be wide ranging through the Panel working with communities in order to obtain as much information as possible.

Having fully considered the report it was subsequently

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the terms of reference for the Review Panel as described in the report and at Appendix A to the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T previously sent correspondence regarding the review be re-sent to all Town and Community Councils for their consideration and involvement as described in the report.

Reason for recommendations

- (1) To provide Committee with an update as matters were progressing.
- (2) To ensure that Town and Community Councils were able to consider their involvement in the review.