# **TOWN OF COTTESLOE**



# **PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

# **UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE
Mayor's Parlour, Cottesloe Civic Centre
109 Broome Street, Cottesloe
3:00pm Wednesday, 5 February 2020

**NEIL HARTLEY**Acting Chief Executive Officer

13 February 2020

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# **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Committee is to provide guidance on the collection of high quality public art works so that acquisitions are of long term financial and cultural value to the community.

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- a. To advise Council and make recommendations on any acquisition to and the maintenance of the Town's Public Art Collection;
- b. To assist Council with the implementation of the Acquisition of Artworks Policy; and
- c. Make recommendations to Council on matters relevant to the Committee.

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#### 1 DECLARATION OF MEETING OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Acting CEO Mr Neil Hartley announced the meeting opened at 3:05pm.

#### 1.1 APPOINTMENT OF A PRESIDING MEMBER

Cr Tucak was of the belief that his appointment as Presiding Member at the December meeting was only interim (though this was not stated in the December Minutes) and asked that nominations be called again.

Mayor Angers nominated Cr Tucak as Presiding Member of the Public Art Advisory Committee. Cr Tucak declined the nomination.

Cr Tucak nominated Mayor Angers for the position, Mayor Angers declined the nomination.

The committee held a discussion about the role of Presiding Member and concluded an Elected Member would be best positioned.

The start time was also a factor, 3pm being too early. It was agreed by all members, to change future meetings to 4:00pm.

**Note:** The committee was mindful that the Foreshore Precinct Advisory Committee meetings are held on the same day at 5:00pm and stated this will be the prompt to run on time.

With the committee agreeing to a later meeting start time, Mayor Angers nominated Cr Caroline Harben as Presiding member. Cr Harben accepted the nomination, which was seconded by Cr Tucak.

Cr Harben was voted in unanimously (unopposed) as the Presiding Member of the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC).

Cr Harben assumed the chair at this point.

#### 2 DISCLAIMER

The Presiding Member drew attention to the Town's Disclaimer.

### 3 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

The Presiding Member announced that the meeting is being recorded, solely for the purpose of confirming the correctness of the Minutes.

#### 4 ATTENDANCE

#### Members

Cr Caroline Harben Presiding Member, Elected Member

Mayor Philip Angers Elected Member
Cr Michael Tucak Elected Member
Mr Stephen Mellor Committee Member
Ms Rosalin Sadler Committee Member
Ms Ellie van Rhyn Committee Member

# **Officers**

Mr Neil Hartley Acting Chief Executive Officer

Ms Ann-Marie Donkin Governance Officer

**Visitors** 

Nil

# **Apologies**

Nil

#### 5 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

#### 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Mayor Angers Seconded Member Mellor

That the Minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 10 December 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried 6/0

#### 7 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

#### 8 REPORTS

#### 8.1 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Nil

#### 8.2 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

# 8.2.1 PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE - PENDING AND OUTSTANDING ACTIONS OR ITEMS

Attachments: 8.2.1(a) Action Items - February 2020

The purpose of this item is to discuss pending and outstanding actions/items of the committee, including updates on these items from administration (where available).

- **CEO Action Items** 9.1 2 and 9.1 3b will remain pending until reports can be authored for the Committee.
- CEO Action Item 9.1 3c Status report 'Roundabout'
  - The committee discussed this item at length, particularly that artworks requiring repair should be brought to the committee.
    - Need to understand the history of the artwork to repair appropriately
    - Maintenance manual artwork vs artwork repair
    - Development of PAAC requirements to undertake repair/maintenance at strategic level (item delegated to Committee) – procedure to be developed (by the Committee).
- Discussion was undertaken with the A/CEO about a dedicated arts resource in the Council's budget – ideally a project officer – 1 day per week (or a \$25K allocation) that would be responsible for collection management – Neil advised that a budget item could be prepared for June/July 2020.
- Engineering Action Item 9.1 3e 'Kinetic Interference", the Mayor will meet with the Principal and P & C Chair of North Cottesloe Primary School, with the intention of reporting back to the Committee the school community's preference for relocating the sculpture.
- Engineering Action Item 9.1 3d Vlamingh 'Tourism' Main Roads sign relocation this was taken on notice for follow up with Main Roads.
- **Building and Planning Action Item** 9.1 3h 'Frog Roof Sculpture' the committee was disappointed that the application had not been to the them for comment before permits were issued. The committee have asked for the planning department to provide commentary as to why it was approved.
- Committee Items Pending Item 8.2.1 Plinth 6011 Concept: Mr Mellor is working towards the work being complete and ready to present to the April Committee meeting. Cr Harben thanked Mr Mellor for the work he is continuing to undertake in this regard.
- Committee Items Pending 9.1 Rationale to be completed by Cr Harben (Donations).

#### 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 9.1 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr Stephen Mellor – Tabled a paper containing discussion items.

Prior to discussion, Acting CEO Mr Neil Hartley spoke to the Committee about the resourcing that is required to deal with the amount of work that is being generated by the Committee. He advised that the amount of items requested to be put on the agenda could not always accommodated with current resources. Mr Hartley commended the Committee for their enthusiasm and suggested they may want to consider applying to Council for a dedicated resource allocation (as previously mentioned).

The following items were raised and discussed. Items that required action have been added to the Committee's 'Pending and Outstanding Actions or Items List.

Mr Hartley reiterated that the items will be dealt with as resourcing allows.

Items as tabled:

- 1. Untitled
  - a. Correspondence to/response from Main Roads
  - b. Relocation schedule
  - c. Budget Allocation

Action: Nil

- 2. Icarus
  - a. Repair report
    - i. Formal request for the Panel to review documents and agreements with regard to the donation of the work to determine/inform discussion and any liaison with the donors to better protect Icarus from future acts of opportunistic vandalism
    - ii. Discussions/correspondence with artist
    - iii. Appropriate location and siting options

**Action:** Mayor Angers to meet with the owners and artist in this regard and report back to the Committee.

- 3. Collection Audit and Database
  - a. In order to carry out the required annual audit of the collection a formal request for the Panel to have 'read only' access of the database so that we can take part and contribute to the audit.

**Action:** Governance to provide a copy of the database to Mr Mellor to continue his work.

- 4. Sculpture by the Sea 2020
  - a. Deputation Response
  - b. Catalogue early review
  - c. Additional extra PAAC meetings

**Action:** (b) Mr Hartley and/or the Mayor will follow-up the early review catalogue.

- 5. Sculpture by the Sea 2021
  - a. Deputation Response
  - b. Contract re-negotiations status PAAC advice/review

Action: Nil

- 6. PSP South stage 2
  - Formal request that PAAC be represented in discussions and planning with Main Roads to identify possible sculpture locations in the early design stages.

**Action:** Interest is noted – advice to Engineering.

- 7. Art Collection Guidelines
  - a. Review of existing Art Acquisition Guidelines and developing other Art Collection Guidelines: donations, sponsorship, acknowledgements, deacquisition, outward loans, inward loans, commissioning, verge art.

**Action:** Cr Harben will undertake the development of the Art Collection Guidelines with the assistance of Ms van Rhyn.

- 8. Deferred Items from Council meeting OCM 29 October 2019, Item 10.3.1 clauses 12-14
  - a. Eric Street Underpass mural
  - b. 'Home Is Where The Heart Is' sculpture at PSP location B
  - c. 'Kinetic Interference' sculpture at PSP location D
  - d. 10.3.1 committee recommendation 4 (deferred) Acquisition of Artworks Policy added clause, Donations
  - e. 10.3.1 committee recommendation 9 (deferred) Take 3 by the Sea artwork

**Action: 10.3.1:** (a) Advice related to status of grant application made in October 2019 for funding for a mural, to be sought from Community Services; committee recommendations 4 and 9 – Rationales are being developed by Cr Harben and Ms Sadler.

- 9. Item from Council OCM 17 December 2019 10.1.11 Proposed Installation of Sculpture on 8 Sydney Street Verge
  - a. Clause 1 of resolution
    - Refer the proposal to the Public Art Advisory Committee for its comments and advice on the suitability of the sculpture and proposed location.
  - b. Clause 6 of the resolution
    - vi. Any future applications for installation of sculptures on street verges to be referred to the Public Art Advisory Committee prior to being brought to Council.

**Action:** (a) Refer back to Planning (Mr Drewett) for follow up and advice back to the Committee related to the timeframe for feedback from PAAC. If time allows a recommendation will be provided to the Council if not advice will be provided via

email to the Planning Dept. It is to be noted that in this event members are to be guided in their assessment/response by the Public Art Strategy.

**Note:** During this item it was raised by Ms Sadler that there is a question about a requirement for a policy about ratepayers buying their own artwork – putting it outside their own house in the public domain.

The CEO agreed that proposed installation of the verge sculpture would be a driving force for such a policy to be developed.

# 9.2 OFFICERS

Nil

# 10 MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC

# 10.1 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

Nil

# 11 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 1 April 2020.

# 12 MEETING CLOSURE

The Presiding Member announced the closure of the meeting at 5:01pm.