

MUSEUM COMMITTEE

5 SEPTEMBER 2022

Present: Councillors Batsford (Chair), Pragnell (Vice-Chair), Evans, Jobson, Patmore, and Sinden

Museum Association Members, Andre Palfrey-Martin, Steve Peak and Richard Street.

Museum and Cultural Development Manager: Damian Etheraads

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillors Rankin and Museum Association Member Susannah Farley-Green

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Interest
<i>Cllr Evans</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Personal – Volunteer Buddy refugee project, Trustee Idolrich Theatre Rotto, lives near to Bob Mazzer</i>

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2022 be approved as a true record.

4. MUSEUM UPDATE REPORT

The Museum and Cultural Development Manager presented to the committee on the museum's work since the last formal meeting. The Museum visitors continue to show growth after Covid-19. There has been a steady stream of weddings this summer and some bookings for next year.

The Museum and Cultural Development Manager gave thanks to Bob Mazzar for his exhibition which has now closed. The Jason and His Argonauts exhibition has been well received and popular with families. The Esmée Fairburn Collections Funded Project Democratizing the collections for 21st century is now entering its second year. All strands on the project are continuing.

The building was broken into last month. No collections were damaged. Some shop items and donations money were stolen. The police are investigating. The Museum and Cultural Development Manager gave thanks to Phil Hadland for bringing the funding for the *The Dinosaur on your doorstep* project.

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The committee gave thanks to all the volunteers that help with the running of the museums.

RESOLVED (unanimously)

To accept this report and recommend approval by Cabinet.

5. **COLLECTIONS REPORT**

The Museum and Cultural Development Manager presented to the committee on collections care, access, acquisitions, loans and objects being considered for rationalisation. SmartWater is now being used to mark collections in the grounds. Signs have been put up to make visitors aware. The SmartWater is forensically traceable and on a database so the police will be able to check where an item is from.

The museum has accepted a few objects for acquisition since the last formal meeting this includes Covid-19 Lockdown Journals and some fossils. The loan request from Pallant House Gallery for HASMG:1991.62 The Boat by Laetitia Yhap (b1941) and from Groundworks South for the continuation of the loan of fossils to the visitor centre in the Country Park were approved.

The committee discussed storage and the expense of paying for storage. The Museum and Cultural Development Manager explained unfortunately there is not enough space to hold all objects within the museum. A question was asked regarding the disposal process. It was explained how this is overseen by the Museum Association Code of Ethics and there is further information on the museum website

RESOLVED (unanimously)

To accept this report and recommend approval by Cabinet

6. **NOTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS**

The committee discussed if informal meeting should be kept informal.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at. 15.20 pm)