

## Report No. 5

### Report to Community and Town Promotion Committee 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016

#### Art Exhibition

##### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To advise the committee of actions taken in respect of a previous decision to hold a Malmesbury Art Exhibition

##### 2. Background

- 2.1 At the committee meeting held in February 2016 Councillor Cox presented a report on the subject of holding an Art Exhibition to display work of local artists and students of the local school.
- 2.2 The committee agreed to support the suggestion and the relevant minutes states:

##### Youth Art Exhibition

The report was circulated to propose support of a Youth Art Exhibition in the Town Hall, to provide prize money and to publicise the event. It was **resolved** that £200 be allocated to the Youth Art Exhibition; £100 as the prize(s) and £100 for publicity. Eligibility of entrants requires more discussion.

- 2.3 Since the February committee meeting a number of decisions have been made without reference back to this committee and these are outlined in the next section of this report.

##### 3. Proposal

- 3.1 Since the committee meeting referred to in Para 2.2 Councillor Cox has progressed the concept with the local artist referred in his report with application forms being circulated to local artists. Copies are attached to this report.
- 3.2 The event as now advertised includes an exhibition within the John Bowen Gallery by local artists organised by Laura Tucker to be displayed between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July.
- 3.3 On the 19<sup>th</sup> July it is proposed to hold an evening launch with artists able to offer their work for auction on the basis that the Town Council will charge 10% commission plus VAT on all sales at the auction
- 3.4 From the 15<sup>th</sup> July it is proposed that there will be an exhibition of art from students of Malmesbury Secondary School displayed in the Hub.
- 3.5 A cash prize of £100 has been advertised for the most outstanding artistic work exhibited by a student aged under 19 years on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016, the decision to be made by Public Vote.
- 3.6 Councillor Cox has requested that the balance of any money allocated to publicity be spent on refreshments for the evening launch and auction.

##### 4. Financial implications and risks

- 4.1 Many of the decisions about the exhibition have been made without reference to the committee and it is for members to determine if they are content to support what is now proposed, especially the award of one prize of £100, the eligibility of entrants, the method of selection and the scale of commission to be charged.

- 4.2 In considering the support for proposals members are advised that publicity has already been circulated to the public on the basis of the information contained in section 3 of this report and Councillor Cox and Laura Tucker have worked together to produce an exhibition..
- 4.3 No expenditure on publicity has been authorised by the Responsible Finance Officer and it is for members to determine if money should be spent on refreshments and the type of any refreshments.
- 4.4 The normal commission levied for exhibiting in the John Bowen Gallery is 20% plus VAT at the standard rate and the committee will need to determine if a reduced commission as stated in para 3.3 is to be accepted.
5. Recommendations
- 5.1 Members are requested to note the report and determine the action to be taken.

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