

Report to Extraordinary Community and Town Promotion Committee 2 Feb, Art Exhibition

1. Purpose of the report

1. 1.1 To invite the committee to hear the proposal for a local Malmesbury Art Exhibition, and to provide some small financial assistance.
2. 1.2 This would be a collaborative event between local artists, Malmesbury Secondary School and Malmesbury Town Council.

2. Background

2.1 The Town Hall facilities committee has already accepted the proposal of an exhibition that involves as many local artists as possible, to include Malmesbury School.

2.2 A local artist, Laura Tucker, familiar with organising exhibitions in the John Bowen gallery has agreed to help with the organisation. Numbers of exhibits per artist would be limited to allow as many artists as possible to be involved. Barry Gastard from the school would provide assistance with the works of younger artists.

2.3 it is proposed that works are displayed simultaneously in the John Bowen gallery and the Hub room - with the possibility of the works of our younger artists remaining in The Hub for a slightly longer period.

3. Proposals

3.1 It is proposed to hold the exhibition at a time when the gallery is not currently booked out for any other exhibitions and will not therefore be bringing normal revenue to the Town Hall. These dates are 15-29 July, 2016.

3.2 It is proposed that the Town Council might give a prize to the outstanding work of a younger artist.

4. Financial implications

4.1 Prize money to the secondary school.

4.2 Loss of revenue on John Bowen gallery - though the gallery is not booked out for these dates.

4.3 A small amount should be earmarked for publicity.