

Committee: Full Council

Date: 21 February 2023

Title: Councillor Representatives of external organisations

Purpose of Report

Members to receive updates from Councillor Representatives of external organisations.

Recommendation:

Members to note the report

Background:

1. The following resolutions were made at the Town Council meeting held on 17th May 2022:

2022-0037-TC: Appointment of Representatives to Other Groups

Organisation (in alphabetical order)	Councillor Representative (s)
Arts Centre	Cllr Hamilton, Cllr Taylor
Chamber of Commerce	Cllr James, Cllr Osborne
Christmas Lights	Cllr Shepherd
Dementia Awareness Alliance	Cllr MacKillop
Fairtrade Committee	Cllr Burton, Cllr Keitch
Greenfylde/Swanmead School Liaison	Cllr Hamilton
Ile Youth Centre	Cllr Gunn
Iminster Education Foundation	Cllr Keitch, Cllr Shepherd
Iminster Entertainment Society	Cllr Taylor
Iminster Literary Festival	Cllr Keitch
Iminster Tourism	Cllr Shepherd
Market Town Investment Group	Cllr Hamilton
Neroche Community Primary School	Cllr Keitch
Wadham School Liaison	Cllr Gunn

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to add a a Community of Parishes A358 group with Members Cllr Hamilton and Cllr Shearman to the list.

Proposer Cllr Shepherd **Seconded** Cllr Wilcock

Members discussed recommending the Police and Communities Together meetings (PACT). Officers will collate further information and will update members, as an agenda item, at a future meeting when it can be fully discussed.

Proposer Cllr Osborne **Seconded** Cllr Sellers

Members **RESOLVED** the appointments of representatives to other groups as per the table above.

Proposer Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr James

Report:

1. Report from Cllr Taylor – Ilminster Entertainment Society

REPORT FOR FULL COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 2023 RE: ILMINSTER ENTERTAINMENT SOCIETY

IES continues to make progress following the challenges of lockdown and the impact of COVID.

The programme for 2023 is evolving and most of the regular slots have been filled with a variety of plays, shows and other forms of entertainment. Audience numbers are slowly returning to pre-pandemic levels for most events.

The new bar area is still being completed and the work to convert the Old Bakery space into usable rehearsal and wardrobe storage is slowly progressing.

The Youth Theatre has made a strong start and has had a good take up for the new qualifications being offered.

One of the areas that IES is struggling with is recruitment of directors and producers for its own theatre productions. This is of course vital if the theatre is to continue to grow its offering.

2. Report from Cllr MacKillop – Meeting Somerset Bus Partnership 24.1.23

This was a Zoom Meeting (Zoom bombed for the first 20 minutes) on the subject of Bus/Rail Integration in Somerset.

The Speakers were Luke Farley, Transport Integration Manager at GWR and Andrew Ardley, Regional Development manager at SWR

The discussion was led by David Northey, executive member of Somerset Bus Partnership.

**Julie Earp
Deputy Town Clerk
February 2023**