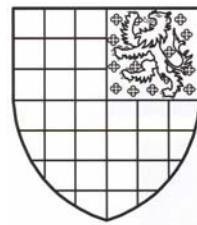


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of the meeting of the **All Saints Centre (ASC) Steering Group** held on **Thursday 29th September 2011**, in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall**, Lewes at **2:00pm**.

PRESENT Cllrs Catlin (Wischhusen); J Daly; S Murray; R O'Keeffe; and M Turner

In attendance: S Brigden (*Town Clerk [TC]*); Mrs F Garth (*Civic Officer & Asst TC*); Miss L Zeyfert (*ASC Manager*)

ASCSG2011/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Milner, who was working. No message had been received from Cllr Dean.

ASCSG2011/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none

ASCSG2011/08 PUBLIC QUESTIONS: There were none. (No public or press were present)

ASCSG2011/09 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:

1 Council had agreed (*minute ref FC/2011/52 1st September 2011*) the previous meeting's recommendation that the Steering Group develop further their early investigations into potential to reduce the cost of the All Saints Centre.

2 This informal meeting had been arranged to discuss a proposal put forward some time earlier by Lewes Film Club, as requested by Members attending the Steering Group's last meeting. Members of the Film Club's executive committee were in attendance for this purpose: Mrs M Burke, Ms C Slijpen, Mr J Yeats-Edwards, Mr R Wilkes.

3 Having read the LFC's draft proposal for operation of a community cinema enterprise, members were keen to test basic statements and assumptions. Mrs Burke outlined the background and history of LFC; the personal backgrounds of the committee members and others, and the club's affiliation to national bodies. They were demonstrably aware of all recent trends in the cinema industry and described how the club had adapted to evolutions in technology and business practices in the industry over their 25 year history.

4 There followed a lengthy and discursive discussion on various salient features of the proposals put forward by the club. This covered respective responsibilities; technical knowledge; legal background, and practical management issues.

5 Following a challenging "question-and-answer" interlude rounding-off the discussions, it was suggested that LFC members might be asked to withdraw whilst Councillors decided whether or not they wished to pursue the matter further. Members were unanimous in their declaration that this was not necessary, and that they were enthusiastic about the prospective partnership and its benefits for the town.

6 It was acknowledged that the proposal would be sensitive in some areas, and it was agreed that the LFC members would produce more detail of current projected costs etc and meet the Steering group again in a few weeks' time for further refinement and development of the scheme. TC was asked to investigate the aspect of kiosk sales and related issues.

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The meeting closed at 3:05pm