

## **ANGUS COUNCIL**

MINUTE of MEETING of the **WILLIAM LAMB STUDIO ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held in the William Lamb Studio, Market Street, Montrose on Friday 24 March 2017 at 3.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors BILL DUFF and DAVID MAY; NORMAN ATKINSON OBE (Chairman, Friends of the William Lamb Studio); and HILARY WHITE (Secretary, Friends of the William Lamb Studio).

**Also Present:** ANDREW WILSON, for Secretary (Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Resources Directorate, Angus Council).

Councillor BILL DUFF, in the Chair.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Mark Salmond and Paul Valentine; Iain Lamb; Kirsty Hunter (Chief Executive AngusAlive); Fiona Dakers, (Senior Manager – Libraries, Customer & Culture, AngusAlive); and Rachel Benvie, (Museums Curator, AngusAlive).

### **2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 11 November 2016 was submitted and approved as a correct record, noting that item 3, paragraph (iv) William Lamb Award – Montrose Academy, be corrected to show that the total cost had come in at just under £3,000.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTE**

#### **(i) Sculpture Trail Leaflet – Update**

With reference to Article 3(i) of the minute of previous meeting, Councillor May had ascertained from the Montrose Heritage Trust that the Trust was putting on hold for the meantime, the production of any further leaflets. He suggested that in future, the Montrose Common Good Fund could be approached as a possible source of funding, should this be necessary. Supplies of the William Lamb Studio leaflet remained good.

Members remained of the view that a future development of a William Lamb Trail through Montrose would be a good development for the Town as a whole.

#### **(ii) William Lamb Gallery – Museum Garden**

With reference to Article 3(ii) of the minute of previous meeting, members noted that AngusAlive was in the process of examining potential use for all the outdoor spaces around its Museums, and that Montrose Museum was included in this study.

#### **(iii) Fortieth Anniversary of the Friends of the William Lamb Studio, 1997 - 2017**

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of previous meeting, the proposed exhibition to mark the fortieth anniversary was now in the AngusAlive work programme. Norman Atkinson advised that Arthur Watson, President, The Royal Scottish Academy of Art and Architecture, would be visiting Montrose later this year, to give The Lamb Lecture on 11 May to launch the exhibition.

### **4. WILLIAM LAMB STUDIO: 2016 SEASON**

There was submitted a Report with details supplied by AngusAlive. Members were gratified to see that the total number of visitors from April 2016 to 2017 to date, was 576, as compared with the 2015/16 figure of 510.

The Friends had run a Christmas Open Day on 3 December 2016 within the Studio.

The sad passing of Mrs Rhona Lamb, wife of David Lamb, nephew of William Lamb, in March 2016, ended the last direct Montrose link with the Artist. Subsequently, a collection of books and ephemera formerly belonging to William Lamb had been presented by the Lamb Family, via the Friends, to the Museum and these would be accessioned into the Collection.

The summer season would run from 1 July to 31 August 2017 – Tuesdays to Saturdays between 2 and 5 pm, with AngusAlive hosting an evening reception to launch the season on Friday 30 June.

The installation of a telephone line was currently being investigated by AngusAlive which could bring various benefits to the Studio, including a more satisfactory safe working arrangement and enabling the Seasonal Assistant to enter items in the Lamb Collection on to the Museum's catalogue database while on duty via the IT connection would result.

Finally, Jim Boon, Galleries Curator - Libraries, Customer & Culture, AngusAlive, had retired from 23 March 2017. Councillor May noted that Jim had been a great assistance to the wellbeing of the William Lamb Studio for a considerable number of years, and had been involved in the latest project of the casting of the plasticine model known as the *Aberdeenshire Carrier*.

#### **5. WILLIAM LAMB ART PRIZE**

Members inspected the bronze figure produced from the plasticine original of the *Aberdeenshire Carrier*. This figure, set upon a plinth, into which was set a plate for the recording of winners, would be presented by the Friends to the Council as Education Authority for use at Montrose Academy as a Junior Arts Prize for S1 to S3 pupils. The presentation would take place at Montrose Academy at a time to be arranged, possibly at the school prize giving which was anticipated as taking place around 20 June 2017.

#### **6. PRESENTATION OF ABERDEENSHIRE CARRIER**

A second bronze figure of the *Aberdeenshire Carrier* would also be presented by the Friends to the Council and AngusAlive for permanent display in the William Lamb Studio. The figure would be handed over at the evening reception to launch the new season, on 30 June 2017.

#### **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

Norman Atkinson gave details of a potential Royal visit to Montrose which would include the Studio, to take place later in the year. Norman also advised that he had made an application to Historic Environment Scotland for an installation of a blue plaque at the Studio to commemorate William Lamb.

#### **8. VALEDICTORY**

Members noted that this would be Councillor May's final meeting as an elected member as he was leaving the Council on 3 May 2017. He was thanked for his assistance over the past ten years and advised that he intended to remain active as a Friend of the William Lamb Studio.

#### **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Committee agreed that the next meeting be scheduled for Friday 17 November 2017, at 3.00 pm, in the William Lamb Studio, Montrose.