

REPORT OF THE ARTS CENTRE TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2016

Presented by Julie Fowler, Ilminster Town Council representative

The Chairman, Anthony Pither, reported that The Arts Centre was in a stable financial position and for the past financial year was able to show a small surplus of income over expenditure.

It was noted that:

1. the yew trees had been shaped but the lime trees are the responsibility of The Arts Centre
2. there had been fewer thefts recently from the craft shop and the volunteers on the desk had been made aware of the need for vigilance
3. the damp areas had been fixed and there were no major damp problems
4. a volunteer skills audit still had produced no positive outcomes
5. a monthly children's workshop would re-commence at the end of September for children over 8 and interested in art; it would not be a "fun" workshop. The cost would be £5 per session with all the materials supplied
6. there would be a 'thank you' party for the 90 volunteers in March 2017
7. a ramp has been built from the corner of the Arts Centre to the galleries which offers a safer way of taking exhibition items to the galleries during a change-over week-end.
8. exhibitions have been planned in to 2017. Due to the retirement of the people responsible for the exhibitions, and whilst there is now in post a person who is familiar with arranging the details of an exhibition, there is a need for someone who has expertise in recognising potential exhibitors.
9. it is a measure of the Arts Centre's success and stability that they received a visit from Bridgwater Arts Centre to seek inspiration!
10. meetings with The Warehouse Theatre would be held as and when required.