

9 MCMANUS GALLERIES - THURSDAY EVENING OPENING (AN 347-2004)

Reference is made to Article IV of the minute of meeting of the Arts and Heritage Committee of 19th October 1998 which recommended a trial of evening opening at McManus Galleries and Museum on Thursday evenings from 5 pm to 7 pm in support of the city's evening economy. This decision was implemented and despite focussing a number of events and activities on this period the results have proved disappointing. The average attendance for the two-hour period during 2004 has been 16 visitors. It should be noted that the minimum number of staff that is necessary to maintain full opening is 5. Committee approval is sought to cease Thursday evening opening as from Thursday, 7th October 2004 with any savings to be reinvested in the service.