

Minutes
The Culture Partnership
3 November 2009, 2.30pm, 1st Floor Committee Room, Town Hall, Stockton

Chair:

Paul Burns (Tees Music Alliance)

Members:

Billingham International Folklore Festival, Tony Campbell (Creative Glass) **Judy Foulkes** (Stockton Riverside College) **June Kelly** (Cool Blue) **Annabel Turpin** (Arc) **Cllr Mary Womphrey** (Stockton Council – Billingham West) **Steven Chaytor** (Tees Active)

* Members are representing their nominating body.

Advisors:

Jan Doherty (Arts Development) **Laurayne Featherstone** (Libraries) **Haleem Ghafoor** (Policy, Performance & Communications) **Jane Hubbard** (Museums) **James Glancey** (Town Centre) **Reuben Kench** (Culture and Leisure) **Neil Russell** (Leisure & Sports Development) **Jane Russell** (Arts Development) **Sarah Upex** (Policy, Performance & Communications) **Claire Walsh** (CESC)

Observers:

None

Attendees

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Apologies

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<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Members were introduced and welcomed to the Culture Partnership.</p>		No
<p>2. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>		No
<p>3. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>		No
<p>4. Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the last meetings held on 1st July 2009 were agreed as a true record.</p>		No
<p>5. Matters Arising</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>		No
<p>6. Heritage Strategy Presentation</p>		

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<p>Jane Hubbard gave a presentation on Heritage Strategy. (Refer to Update on Heritage Strategy, 03.11.09).</p> <p>JH highlighted that Stockton has a rich and varied history, however, the people of Stockton fail to recognise this and it's full potential of heritage has not been realised.</p> <p>There are many local and regional strategies relating to heritage and history; the Heritage Strategy currently being developed is an attempt to bring all the strategies together and provide a way forward for Stockton to better recognise, value, promote and celebrate its heritage.</p> <p>JH highlighted the following needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure we are aware of what historical sites we have in Stockton. • To bring resources up to date. • To look at how to make heritage more accessible eg websites. • Give thought as to how heritage could be celebrated. • To encourage local community to embrace heritage. <p>JH added that the Heritage Strategy Action Plan will be complete by the end of November 2009 and will be implemented from January 2010.</p> <p>Comments and Decisions</p> <p>JG had a successful heritage event in October 2009.</p> <p>JG advised that there are resources in Regeneration and he is keen to work with people to improve the appearance of Stockton in order to bring forward and highlight heritage.</p> <p>LF highlighted that Libraries have been digitising the heritage of Stockton, which is available to see on the internet. LF advised that they capture 'tomorrow's history now'.</p> <p>SC referred to the Stockton 'Globe' and asked whether there were any plans. JG informed that Regeneration is working on bringing the development of the Globe forward; Regeneration are</p>		<p>To implement the Heritage strategy Action Plan from January 2010.</p> <p>JH to present the Action Plan to the Culture Partnership meeting in February 2010.</p>

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<p>also looking at putting together a business plan for the restoration of the Globe. JG advised, however, that the Globe requires a lot of restoration.</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? Yes (approval in December 2009).</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p> <p>Contact: Jane Hubbard, Stockton Council (01642) 526481</p>		
<p>7. Town Centre Vibrancy</p> <p>Events</p> <p>A discussion took place about the pilot events programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Festafall event was very successful, however, it was disappointing not to have held it on the High Street. • A Storytelling event is to be held at Wellington Square on 14th November 2009. • The Northern Children’s Book Festival follows, with a gala day on 21st November at Riverside College; the age range is 5 – 17 years with activities for parents and a broad spectrum of people. • PB planned to put a music event on, however, it had to be cancelled due to difficulties in communication with the market traders. PB advised that it is hoped to hold the event at either the Christmas or spring festival. <p>JD to put together a report at the end of the pilot programme looking at the success of the organisation process and programme.</p>		<p>JD to complete report on Storytelling event.</p>

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<p>Over imminent events were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The yearly firework display will take place on Thursday 5th November. • 26.11.09 sees the switch on of the lights. • 17th – 20th December Christmas Market Fair. <p>JG referred to DCLG's empty shop revival fund and informed Stockton town centre was not considered to be 'deprived' enough and, therefore, was not awarded any funding.</p> <p>Comments and Decisions</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p> <p>Contact: James Glancey, Stockton Council</p>		
<p>8. Strategic Sports Network within Stockton-on-Tees</p> <p>There have been 2 meetings (28.09.09 & 12.10.09) to discuss agendas and membership. Members as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – Steven Chaytor • Councillor Lupton • Councillor Mary Womphrey • Tees Valley Sports • Durham University • PCT 		

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<p>NR highlighted the following 3 objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use games to inspire • Use businesses to access contracts • Utilise by using the 'buzz' of games <p>One of the functions of the group is to challenge and ensure the council get full value for money from the BSF.</p> <p>NR added that they propose to pull a sport and active event group together and ensure the event links in with other culture events.</p> <p>Comments and Decisions</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p> <p>Contact: Neil Russell, Stockton Council neil.russell@stockton.gov.uk</p>		
<p>9. Tees Valley Cultural Strategy Update</p> <p>RK has been working with TV senior cultural officers to create a strategy.</p> <p>A draft was presented to Tees Valley, however, they did not accept it as they felt more work was required to the draft.</p> <p>Once the strategy has been re-drafted it will be presented to the Culture Partnership for comments.</p>		

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<p>Comments and Decisions</p> <p>A brief discussion took place regarding joint work with other authorities.</p>		
<p>10. Member's Verbal Reports on Current Activities.</p> <p>Town Centre</p> <p>JG informed that a full programme of Stockton Sparkles and the Arc should be put into Visit Tees Valley magazine, however, they have stated that it should be in as a 'listing'.</p> <p>JK suggested sending the information to herself and she will forward it to Visit Tees Valley.</p> <p>Sports Network</p> <p>SC gave the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The refurbishment of Splash will be complete in December, with a formal opening in February 2010. • The refurbishment of Billingham Forum is on schedule. • Thornaby Pavillion is nearly complete. • Tees Barrage will close before Christmas for work to be undertaken. <p>SC informed that there is a lot of opportunity to hold events at the Tees Barrage, however, the issue is around the scale and ambition of the event.</p> <p>PB suggested involving people from Arts for ideas around events.</p> <p>Arc</p> <p>AT gave the following update:</p>		<p>JG to liaise with JK regarding adverts to Visit Tees Valley.</p> <p>SC to liaise with Arts regarding events at Tees Barrage.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gruffalo will be shown between 12th – 21st December. • The programme for April 2010 is in the process of being signed off. • There is a wide range of events taking place in the upcoming months. <p>Economic Regeneration</p> <p>TC gave the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development and Regeneration recently held a meeting about Creative Industries development, which produced a lot of initiatives; a follow up meeting is to be held. <p>PB advised to keep ‘tight’ communications between Economic Development and Regeneration and Culture.</p> <p>Stockton Riverside College</p> <p>JF gave the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bede College (Billingham) has now joined with Stockton. • Students will have placements at the new sports college in Billingham. • Stockton Riverside College are doing a lot of work over the Christmas period with Performing Arts. • Attempts are being made to get into Community Centres with taster courses. <p>JF added that some new Sport Tutors and been appointed and suggested ‘getting them onboard’ with the Sports Network.</p> <p>Arts Development</p> <p>JD gave the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for Stockton Sparkles Carnival are progressing well. • Arts & Mental Health project is making good progress. 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Drugs and Alcohol Action Team play, 'Wasted' play was a huge success. 		
<p>11. External Funding Opportunities There may be an opportunity to obtain funding from Festival & Events International for support and development.</p>		No
<p>12. Any Other Business</p> <p>JD provided members with a copy of the Catalyst, Third Sector Strategy 2010 – 2015 draft to raise awareness of the plan.</p> <p>A copy of the draft to be emailed to members for comments.</p> <p>13. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next business meeting of the Culture Partnership will be held on:</p> <p>January 2010, TBC</p> <p>Culture Partnership members are invited to forward any agenda items for future meetings to Jane Russell.</p>		JR to email a copy of Catalyst draft to members.