

Minutes
The Culture Partnership
28th April 2010, 2.00pm, 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 26th January 2010 were agreed as a true record.</p>		No
<p>5. Matters Arising</p> <p>Event Update</p> <p>RK informed that a new approach is being taken to events corporately. An event board has been established and is made up of independent persons (the Independent Advisory Group).</p> <p>The group will be primarily focussed on Stockton Borough Council's funded and part funded</p>		No

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events.		
<p>6. Reporting on Renaissance</p> <p>JD to attend next meeting.</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p> <p>Contact: (01642)</p>		<p>JD to attend next meeting.</p>
<p>7. Tees Valley Cultural Strategy Update</p> <p>RK explained that the Culture Strategy draft is due to be signed off; the signing of the draft was initially delayed as it was felt that it did not present a full picture of what we have to offer as a partnership.</p> <p>The draft has been re-addressed and will be re-represented to consultation.</p> <p>Comments and Decisions</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p>		<p>RK to bring a copy of the Culture Strategy draft to next meeting.</p>

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<p>8. Reports from Other Thematic Groups</p> <p><u>Health and Well-being</u></p> <p>AT informed that she has not heard anything from Health and Well-being for sometime.</p> <p>RK advised that there was a meeting this week and suggested contacting Ruth Hill or Amanda Goring.</p> <p><u>Creative Industry</u></p> <p>TC informed that he had recently attended another Thematic group meeting, which focussed on the creative industry of last year. The group member representing Digital City received bad reaction when he stated that anybody good at creative industry should move out of the Teesside area.</p> <p>JD highlighted that Tees Valley and Stockton should be the primary areas, however, it appears to be purely Stockton mapping.</p> <p>JD felt that a strategy and a plan needs to be focussed upon to support creative industry.</p> <p>TC highlighted that there was a presentation from Tees Valley regarding the Tall Ships, however, there has been nothing from Visit Tees Valley.</p> <p>RK informed that a discussion regarding tourism took place at the Renaissance Economic Partnership and it was felt that the tourism strategy is not helpful and, therefore, will never be well served by the strategic partnership.</p> <p>RK felt there is a sub-regional issue and concern should be raised in renaissance stating that Culture does struggle to 'get a fair share'.</p>		

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<p>9. Town Centre Vibrancy</p> <p><u>Regional Tourism Strategy</u></p> <p>RK highlighted that we have compelling attractors when it comes to events and suggested pushing the events for greater recognition between the strategy draft and the actual arrival.</p> <p>RK suggested re-submitting the FEDP draft.</p> <p>SC highlighted that the Tees Barrage is also a very good attractor.</p> <p>JG informed that there is an event strategy in place with a brochure highlighting events across the borough.</p> <p>JG highlighted the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March – the Farmers Market, which will lead up to the 700th Market Charter on 12th May; this includes traders in fancy dress, a soap box for the public to speak and a visit from the Bishop of Duham. Saturday 15th May will bring a more community feel with traders in fancy dress, face painting, jugglers etc. • April - the Stockton Calling event begins. • May – the Regatta. • October/November – a programme of creative events. <p><u>Empty Shops</u></p> <p>JD informed that the grant could not be obtained until evidence was given that the shops were secured. The acceptance has been sent and information has been sent out to call for local community groups and artists to put on exhibitions and displays; the closing date is 11th May. It will be a 6 month programme initially and funding has been secured to paint the shops.</p>		

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<p>AT informed that Mike McGrother may want some window space for Stockton day to celebrate the world cup, which will be family orientated.</p> <p><u>Infinity</u></p> <p>JD informed that it is hoped to celebrate the opening of the bridge on an annual basis. This year there will be lighting installation from the Saturday through to the Monday with a lantern parade at 8.30pm on the Sunday.</p> <p><u>Freedom Day</u></p> <p>RK recognised the need to ensure that the military have the opportunity to march and the public to pay respect, thought needs to be given to the communities who see war as oppression.</p> <p>JG advised that a vast crowd has been anticipated and, therefore, any issues will be promptly dealt with by the Police.</p> <p>LF discussing the option of using empty shops for a historic soldier exhibition.</p> <p>JG informed that Kevin Dowdrey is leading the exhibition.</p> <p>Comments and Decisions</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p>		

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<p>10. Strategic Sports Network within Stockton-on-Tees</p> <p>SC highlighted the following agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSF – this is to establish what the community use regarding sports and arts. • Olympics – The barrage is taking shape. There could be several teams if the water flow goes according to plan. There is an issue regarding Olympic Legacy using tees barrage as a trade venue. • The opening of the barrage has been put back and will now open in November. • Talented Athletics – Tees Active Academy are doing well. Tees Valley Sport are pulling together a programme to support youths. It is the hope that other authorities in Tees Valley will follow suit. • Inspire Mark – this is to ‘badge’ things that may help with the Olympics. <p>RK informed that the Government Office is taking note of what is being ‘mapped’ across the region and are frustrated at the gap; they are wanting an account of what all areas are doing for the Olympics; our area has been commented upon as good. They expect Stockton to stage events that encourage people to get involved and celebrate sport and adopt a healthier life style.</p> <p><u>Community Celebrations</u></p> <p>JD gave the following synopsis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Legacy Trust has obtained funding called ‘Community Celebrations’, out of which 5 awards will be given outside of the London area. Stockton submitted an application and have been short listed. If successful with the application the funding will be used for a big event called ‘Cascade’, which will grow and develop over 2 years. ‘Cascade’ picks 		

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<p>up ideas from Tees Valley and will eventually present in London. 'Cascade' could be part of the Olympics, the East London festival or Power Olympics to entertain people.</p> <p>RK informed that the Olympic torch will be going all around the country and it is hoped that the torch will come through the barrage, which may be carried by a swimmer. The issue would be if the Special Branch Officers charge for them attending the event.</p> <p>Comments and Decisions</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? Yes</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p> <p>Contact: Neil Russell, Stockton Council neil.russell@stockton.gov.uk</p>		
<p>11. Member's Significant News.</p> <p>LF Next month is 'Local History' month. There are lots of things around town regarding the Market Charter and there is a local history competition.</p> <p>LF informed of attending a health event recently and succeeded in getting 40 plus new fans on the library face book.</p> <p>AT highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will be doing events for 'Arc in the Park'. 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be working on Stockton United. • Sales are up by 61% for live events. <p>Comments and Decisions</p> <p>.</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p>		
<p>12. Any Other Business</p> <p>Membership</p> <p>RK noticed a transformation at Tees Music Alliance and asked whether members felt it was worth inviting Ian short to join Culture Partnership.</p> <p>PB informed that he has asked Dan Jones, from Tees Valley Music Service if he would be interested in joining the group; Dan has agreed and a meeting is to be arranged.</p> <p>Comments and Decisions</p> <p>PB to arrange meeting with Dan Jones.</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p>		

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<p>13. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next business meeting of the Culture Partnership will be held on:</p> <p>6th October 2010.</p> <p>(Meeting of 30th June 2010 was cancelled)</p> <p>Culture Partnership members are invited to forward any agenda items for future meetings to Jane Russell.</p>		