

Adults, Leisure & Culture Select Committee

A meeting of Adults, Leisure & Culture Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 22nd November, 2006.

Present: Cllr M Smith (In the Chair), Cllr M Cherrett, Cllr K Dixon, Cllr K Faulks, Cllr J A Fletcher, Cllr M Frankland, Cllr Miss B Inman, Cllr T Laing, Cllr J M Lynch, Cllr M Perry, Cllr R Rix, Cllr M E Womphrey

Officers: Mrs J Doherty (CESC); Miss S Connolly and Mrs T Harrison (LD)

Also in attendance: Mr J Maloney (Festival Director, Billingham International Folklore Festival), Mrs O Maloney (Artistic Director, Billingham International Folklore Festival) and Mrs M Taylor (Chair of Billingham Folklore Festival)

Apologies: Cllr Mrs A Norton, Mr A Maxwell (Diocesan Representative), Mr P Beach (Parent Governor Representative) and Mr R Kench (Head of Arts and Culture)

758 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Fletcher declared a personal non prejudicial interest in relation to agenda item 4 - Review of Major Festivals (Stockton International Riverside Festival/Billingham International Folklore Festival) due to being a Member of the Friends of Billingham International Folklore Festival.

759 Draft Minutes of meeting held on 31st October 2006

CONCLUDED that the minutes were agreed as a correct record and would be forwarded onto the next Council meeting.

760 Review of Major Festivals (SIRF/BIFF)

Committee received a presentation on Billingham International Folklore Festival (BIFF) from the following witnesses:

Mrs J Doherty (Arts Development Manager), Mrs M Taylor (Chair of BIFF,)Mr and Mrs Maloney (Festival Director and Artistic Director of BIFF).

The following issues were addressed as part of the presentation:-

- Billingham International Folklore Festival (BIFF) Facts & Figures
- International Council of Organisations of Folk Lore Festivals (CIOFF) and BIFF Image Worldwide
- Festival Organisation
- Funding and Support from Stockton Borough Council
- Format of the Festival
- Audience Survey 2006
- BIFF legacy
- World of Cultural Diversity Project
- Festival Challenges
- Aims and Objectives
- Festival 2007
- Vision and Ambitions for the Festival

Members congratulated the BIFF trustees on a comprehensive and professional presentation.

A discussion was held which covered issues related to BIFF accounts, Cultural diversity in the Stockton Borough, Possible use of BIFF memorabilia by the museum service, Funding sources, Accommodation, Visas and Entry to the UK.

CONCLUDED that the presentation be noted.

761 Future Work Programme

The Chair advised that he had not been able to meet with the Director of Children Education and Social Care and requested that Future Work Programme be included on the next agenda.

No further Member contributions were provided.

CONCLUDED that future work programme will be included in the next agenda.