

Minutes of Cultural Consortium Executive Meeting

Monday 1 October 2007 5pm

School of Art, Design and Media, Eldon Building

Welcome, introduction and apologies

Present: Stephen Morgan (SM) (Chair), Martin Chalk (MC), Peter Wainwright (PW), John Phillipson (JP), & Jonathan Fost (Secretary) (JF)

Apologies: Sharon Watling (SW) & Barbara Milligan (BM)

Minutes from the last meeting and matters arising

MC stressed that the Events Team appreciated the letter thanking them for their work, with this amendment the minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. Matters arising were covered under other agenda items for tonight's meeting.

SM agreed to circulate to Exec the Charles Dickens 2012 summary consultation document from PCC. MC has volunteered to be point of contact for any further consultation on the proposed events programme.

PW to provide final copy and summary of Culture Matters meeting in July. JF to place on website and email consortium membership

Cultural Consortium Action Plan 2007/8 - SM

Stephen introduced his draft structure of the Action Plan and key questions for discussion.

The group addressed the following questions:

Day-to-day

What should we be doing more of?

What should we be doing less of?

What do we need to do these things?

What would we do with an operational budget? How much would we need?

What would our members need or want?

Vision

What do we want us to have achieved this time next year?

What do we want us to have achieved in five years time?

Here is a summary of what was concluded.

Day-to-day

What should we be doing more of?

- lobbying
- marketing of the organisation
- attracting members
- more high profile events
- conferences – annual
- discussion website
- greater focus
- communication with members
- greater controversy

What should we be doing less of?

- broad thinking
- agenda led meetings
- theorising

What do we need to do these things?

(to be discussed later)

What would we do with an operational budget? How much would we need?

- website redevelopment
- research topics
- development officer

What would our members need or want?

- confidence that we have the power to change and influence
- their involvement

Vision

What do we want us to have achieved this time next year?

- have an operational plan and budget
- to be seen as the prime portal from lobbying on all kinds of Cultural issues
- to have clear, achievable goals
- be responsive
- to have the infrastructure to respond (including a larger exec.)
- to have sub-groups on key themes
- promote access to culture
- promote excellence

What do we want us to have achieved in five years time?

- to become a force to be reckoned with
- move towards an organisation that could be commissioned on various projects

Another meeting to continue this discussion will occur on **Monday 15 October at 5pm-7pm** to finish off the action plan in time for the next Executive meeting. (venue to be confirmed).

It was noted that the action plan could then be used to attract funding from a variety of sources to help deliver the work of the Consortium.

Report from Exec representations

Community Involvement Partnership Board – JP (12/09/07)

JP is still waiting minutes from this meeting but a significant point that came up was the Portsmouth Vision name. Preference was given to 'Waterfront City' rather than 'Maritime City' but greater consultation is required. The Partnership Board also discussed the 'neighbourhood management' pilot in Landport and Buckland.

Economic Wellbeing Partnership Board – PW (11/09/06)

Similar issue was reported by PW regarding this vision.

PW to write up a piece for the newsletter briefing the Consortium about this issue and encouraging their feedback and involvement in the forthcoming conference.

City Growth – PW (04/07/07)

PW said there was little to report regarding Culture. He will investigate formalising and agreeing representation from the Consortium on this committee.

Portsmouth Festivities – SM

SM confirmed that the date of the next Portsmouth Festivities meeting is 11 October and that this would be followed later that evening by a drinks reception at Aspex Art Gallery. Anyone with ideas on what the range of activities for next year's Festivities should include should contact SM.

Cultural Matters – Culture in the City Centre

The date has now been put back to Thursday 15 November 2007, 6pm to 8pm at The Haven

Discussion topics to focus on:

- performance spaces
- public art (on hoardings)

SM to go back to Barry Walker to confirm these topics and agree speakers.
SM and JF to create invitations and ensure distribution.

Group that meets on 15/10/07 to discuss how this event should be run.

All to ensure that invitation list is comprehensive and includes those that would want to have their say on the above issues.

Any other business

SM had met with Steve Fisher regarding connecting Cultural Consortium with the work of CIBAS and working in partnership for their Café Culture events. All agreed this was a good idea.

SM will be presenting at the Portsmouth Museum Records Society (02/10/07) on the role and purpose of the Cultural Consortium.

A press release went out early last week supporting the local campaign to help save Southsea Skate park following requests from members on the Consortium's Facebook group. This was picked up by Wave FM, with a story and interview with Cllr Eleanor Scott. It is now understood that the skate park has been saved, and the council are asking the recently set up Southsea Skate park Users Group to help identify funding to secure its future. SM has agreed to help support this.

PW, SM, JP and Richard Hurdle (Groundlings Theatre company) met with Stephen Browning regarding the Performance Space Review to contribute to the consultation as part of the review. A report should be made available to the Exec shortly.

SM to write to The News commending the organisers of the success of the "We Love Albert Road" event.

Neil McCaw to be invited to exec meeting to brief on progress on Conan Doyle Collection.

A number of people have come forward to join the Executive and SM agreed to follow up these interests and invite the volunteers along to the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Agenda setting and dates of future meetings

Next meeting Monday 5 November and Monday 3 December all at 5pm
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