

Minutes

Coventry Cultural Partnership

Monday 22 September, 2008

2.30pm

Institute of Creative Enterprise (ICE)

Technology Park

Puma Way

Coventry

Meeting Chaired by: Marion Doyen

Attendees: Alice Davey, Cllr Tim Sawdon, Hamish Glen, Ludo Keston, Robert Venus, Jeanne Jenner, Jane Hytch, Jo Trowsdale, Colin Bell, Brinder Seni, Vince Mayne, June Jeffrey, Nigel Wain, Carl Bainbridge, Mike Tovey, Christine Hamilton.

Apologies: Tom Clift, Andrew Green, Harnek Kandola, Peter Walters, Siobhan Harrison, Colin Touchin, Alan Rivett, John Teahan.

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2.	Notes of Meeting held on 23 June 2008.	
	With the exception of any items listed below, these were agreed as a true record.	
3.	Feedback re Chair	
	Alice confirmed that she had not formally discussed this with Marion until last week. Marion would like further time to think about this as she feels it is a very important role. She thanked the group for the nomination but would like time to speak to her line manager on whether they would be willing for her to undertake this role. She will come back to the group as soon as possible. Action: To confirm if taking up offer of Chair of the Group	Marion Doyen
4.	Household Survey feedback – Helen Shankster	
	Helen delivered a Powerpoint presentation on the 5 th Annual household survey which was conducted during December 2007 and January 2008. A hard copy handout was also available. This was considered to be a good quality survey as doors are knocked and the interviews are conducted face to face. The findings are representative of Priority Neighbourhoods (PN) and other areas. The survey shows that there appears to be very little difference between PN and other areas. Cinema and live music are the most popular activity, however for cultural events there is less participation from PN. The survey also highlighted that many people now class walking to work as a physical activity. There is now no real gap between areas in relation to the quality of parks and open spaces. A cross cutting report is available on the Cultural Partnership website. A series of questions were asked as to where people would want to move to. It shows that young people are most likely to want to move out of the area; reasons given are for jobs and bigger properties. This reflects quite well for the city. The question was raised as to whether any comparators were made on the statistics for arts and theatres as these seem to be slightly different from the national average - more women attended the theatre. Helen asked if we wished them to do comparators. Alice confirmed that we did have some areas of difference based on the DCMS survey and Active survey.	

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	<p>Helen advised that there will not be another survey carried out until next year when a thorough review of the questions will be conducted. The survey will be used to find out what people's genuine views are.</p> <p>Helen advised that the survey was aimed at people aged 16+. Helen also confirmed that the Children's Partnership will be involved in a survey in November this year which will take in all schools.</p> <p>The data will be used for monitoring the Local Area Agreement. The results will be reported to Scrutiny Board and theme groups for future use. Feedback will also be given to all who completed the survey to enable them to see how the information is used.</p> <p>No action necessary</p>	
5.	HS Cultural Strategy – Initiatives 1 & 3 and Update	
	<p>Alice briefed on Initiatives 1 & 3, including supporting creative and cultural businesses and the documents were tabled. There are three significant projects at the present time, the LEGI programme through the City Council and other partners, Signposting Portal to help colleagues coming into and out of the city and the ICE project. Alice advised that she had not received the baseline, but had been assured that it was imminent. Christine confirmed that she is interested in networking events, etc, but will need to have a look to see what would be appropriate and will come back to the group. However she would also be interested in working with LEGI. Need to look at ways in which we can work together with Partnerships. Christine confirmed that following a meeting with Alice and Rob Venus, the new Arts Development Officer, agreement had been reached that they would be taking on creating and distributing the Emerge Newsletter in conjunction with the City Council.</p> <p>Rob was introduced to the meeting and he confirmed that there are three main projects needing his involvement at present :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Butts Theatre, S 106 - The Theatre is maintained but needs an officer in post to oversee the running of the building. ➤ Emerge, working with Christine on this. ➤ Arts Portal, which is currently going through the research phase. Talks are underway with Arts Development Officers at the Arts Council and he is looking at empty spaces throughout city which artists can use as this is something he has carried out successfully in other cities which is a way of getting away from City Council funding. He advised that The Lyceum Art Space is completely funded by Air Wales, being a city centre venue purely used as an art gallery space and without the private sector money this would not have worked. He is now looking at similar projects for Coventry and is hoping to meet with the Planning Team regarding Far Gosford Street. <p>Carl briefed on progress in relation to the Culture and Leisure portal and a document was tabled. A follow up paper was also circulated. Questioned whether the group would be happy if a joint presentation with CVOne was made at the next meeting to show how it works. Pages 18-22 in the second document show how this can work. The presentation will also include the potential development of a 'Guest Link' element to deliver 'shared marketing resource'. This would then mean we can share information across the table.</p> <p>Jeanne - Creative clusters conference. Coventry was in line to host this but it may be that a close neighbour has pipped us to the post. As soon as anything is heard, the Group will be informed. It was agreed that it would still be worth exploring for 3-5</p>	

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	<p>years time. Marion confirmed that this conference was started approx 7 years ago, and has been to Belfast and across the UK, with Glasgow hosting it this year, and which covers economic and social impact of arts. It is international in scope. Some parts were very good, some not so. The question was asked as to whether this would be a competitive bid. Jeanne confirmed that they (Leicestershire) are further along and advanced in their bid. If not this conference there will be another one. Can also build on the work already carried out. Jeanne confirmed that both herself and Marion had worked up a very good scheme outlining why it should come to Coventry should the opportunity arise.</p> <p>Action: Culture and Leisure Portal – presentation - Next mtg.</p>	<p>Carl Bainbridge</p>
6.	<p>City Council's Chief Executive – Alice Davey</p>	
	<p>Alice advised that the City Council has now appointed a new Chief Executive - Martin Reeves, currently Chief Executive at Bedfordshire County Council. He is 38 years of age and will take up his new post in Coventry in Spring 2009.</p> <p>No action necessary</p>	
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transport Games - Vince Mayne briefed on Coventry as the host of the UK Transplant Games in 2009. There will be approximately 2,000 people coming into the city during the event. He will keep the group informed as and when information is available. ➤ The Sustainable Communities Strategy - Nigel tabled copies of this document. He advised that the time is right to pull the Partnership Newsletter and asked members of the group to contact him by e-mail with any ideas. Also if anyone has any comments or thoughts on the format of newsletter these would be welcome also. ➤ Holocaust Memorial Day 2009 - Coventry is hosting this next year. ➤ Olympiad Launch - Marion briefed on the launch which took place in August. The event held in Coventry achieved higher attendance than any other event held. Jane tabled a document and asked for feedback to be brought back to the next meeting. <p>Action: Olympiad Launch Feedback – Next Mtg Olympiad 2012 Briefing – Next Mtg The Sustainable Communities Strategy – ASAP</p>	<p>All Tom Clift All</p>
8.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	
	<p>Monday 22 December 2008 – venue to be confirmed</p>	