

# Minutes

## Coventry Cultural Partnership

Monday, 31 March 2008

2.30 pm

Committee Rooms 2 and 3, Council House

**Meeting chaired by:** Marion Doyen

**Attendees:** Mike Tovey, Christine Hamilton, Marion Doyen, Tim Sawdon, Martin Price, Jayne Hytch, June Jeffrey, Pete Walters, Carl Bainbridge, Ces Edwards, Harnek Kandola, Alice Davey, Jo Trowsdale, Tony Skipper (part)

**Apologies:** June Morley, Sarah Whatley, Alan Rivett, Simon Morris, Gary Hall, Terry Monnington, Andrew Green, Owen Dutton, Tom Clift

### Agenda topics

#### 1. Notes of meeting held on 13 December 2007

The minutes were accepted and there were no matters arising that were not already covered under other agenda items.

#### 2. Presentation – Coventry's Crown – Mike Tovey

The focus of the presentation – Coventry's Crown – refers to the ring road. A copy of the presentation will be put on the Cultural Partnership section of the website.

The Cultural Partnership were very supportive of the proposals and discussed the best way to ensure that this proposal, which could be broken down into a number of smaller projects, can be delivered. Councillor Sawdon suggested that Mike write to Stella Manzie, with a copy to John McGuigan, asking that the information be included as part of the Jerde masterplan. Another suggestion was that images to support the project could be projected onto the side of the ICE when it is completed, as the option of projecting images onto city centre buildings had previously been suggested by John McGuigan. Alice also suggested that Mike write to Martin Yardley to get the proposals embedded into the Local Development Framework for the city, as this is the master document that all projects for the city centre need to consider.

Mike distributed booklets giving additional details. For a copy, please contact Mike at [m.tovey@coventry.ac.uk](mailto:m.tovey@coventry.ac.uk).

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Letter to Stella Manzie	Mike Tovey	
Letter to Martin Yardley re LDF	Mike Tovey	

<b>3. Cultural Conference for Coventry 2008</b>		
<p>Nick Stokes was not able to attend, so this item was covered by Alice. Nick, Marion, Tim and Nikki Leake from CVOne have been working towards delivering the conference. The date has now been set as 4 November 2008. Approaches are being made to key note speakers and a budget has been put to one side to pay for Revelation Events to put the event together. The next meeting of the group is on Monday, 7 April.</p>		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
A fuller update at the next meeting	Nick Stokes	
<b>4. Cultural Olympiad</b>		
<p>Jayne detailed the options that have been drawn up for high profile events for the Cultural part of the 2012 games. There are currently eight options, but Jayne will raise the Coventry Crown idea at the next meeting, so this may be increased to nine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A Cycling Festival at Coventry Transport Museum</li> <li>➤ The Godiva Festival being expanded to include more events in the city centre – CVOne leading</li> <li>➤ A Festival of Sacred Music being led by Warwick Arts Centre and the University of Warwick</li> <li>➤ A War Requiem is being commissioned by Coventry Cathedral to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, which is also in 2012</li> <li>➤ Creative Partnership and Talking Birds are looking at the Helter Skelter part of Space of Possibilities</li> <li>➤ The Belgrade will be staging the Mysteries in 2012</li> <li>➤ Imagineer will be developing work around the theme of the Godiva statue coming to life and leading a procession that will form the start of the Godiva Festival</li> <li>➤ The Herbert is developing an International Festival to celebrate the Godiva story</li> </ul> <p>The ultimate aim is to pull together a festival season of six months across 2012, linking sport, culture and heritage. Research to identify the milestones and a timeline for development is currently being undertaken, funded by CSWP, City Development and Creative Partnerships.</p>		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
An update presentation on projects	Jayne Hytch	June 2008
<b>5. Cultural Strategy/Action Plan</b>		
<p>The Executive Summary has been circulated to all members of the group and the full Strategy is on the City Council website at <a href="http://www.coventry.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/council--government-and-democracy/council/council-policies-and-plans/culture-and-leisure-strategies-and-policies">http://www.coventry.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/council--government-and-democracy/council/council-policies-and-plans/culture-and-leisure-strategies-and-policies</a>. The initiatives of the strategy are listed on page 46, and the specific actions to deliver each initiative are listed on pages 54 – 57. Alice circulated copies of these and asked that the group feed back with comments (a deadline?). These initiatives will be broken down, to allow a sheet for each one, and an update on two or three will be included on the agenda for each future meeting. On an annual basis, these sheets will be used to draw together a report on progress. Alice will liaise with the leaders detailed against each initiative, and the information will be collated by the Performance Section of Culture, Leisure and Libraries.</p>		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Comments on action plans	All	

6.	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
<p>➤ <b>Festivals and Events</b></p> <p>MAD UK is taking place at Warwick Arts Centre on 8 May, which is its 5<sup>th</sup> year. This is now a national competition and fashion schools will be including MAD UK on future curriculums. This year's competition is being judged by Zandra Rhodes.</p> <p>The Godiva Carnival is on 5 July to coincide with the Godiva Festival and the parade will take place in the afternoon. This is the first step towards bringing the Festival into the city centre (see item 4 above). To work on this, Imagineer have set up eight creation camps in various areas of the city.</p> <p>Coventry's Walk of Fame will be launched on 16 May 2008. The first ten names voted by the public are: Sir Frank Whittle, Lady Godiva, Mo Mowlam, James Starley, Dave Moorcroft, Sir Henry Parkes, Jimmy Hill, Pete Waterman and the Specials.</p> <p>Coventry has been chosen to host National Holocaust Day on 27 January 2009.</p> <p>Find Your Talent 0 to 19 is a project being launched by DCMS and they have requested that groups who would like to run a three year pilot, with funding of up to £2.5 million, submit an Expression of Interest. Marion and Jo are involved, although the Warwickshire bid is being led by CSWP. The EOI needs to be submitted by next Monday.</p> <p>➤ <b>Attendance at meetings</b></p> <p>It was noted that Cultural Partnership consisted of 45 members, but that only 14 had attended today's meeting. If members of the group don't see it as a priority in their work programme, how can they hope to influence others. It was agreed that a letter to all members needs to be sent by Alice. This led to a discussion about the Chairing of the group. Hamish has now chaired the group for over 12 months and the terms of reference agree that this matter would be reviewed annually, but with the option for the Chair to continue in post for three years. Alice stated that she was aware that Hamish's time has been increasingly squeezed of late due to the Belgrade development and suggested that the election of a new Chair be on the agenda for the next meeting. She asked that all members consider if they would be prepared to take up the post of Chair for the next twelve months.</p> <p>Christine offered the meeting room at ICE as a venue for the September meeting.</p>		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Letter to all members re attendance	Alice	
<b>Special notes:</b> Thanks to the Chair for stepping in at such short notice.		