

Culture Derbyshire

Thursday, 6th June 2013, 2pm

Committee Room 1, County Hall, Matlock

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of meeting on 31st January 2013
- 3 Matters arising from the minutes
- 4 'Mapping Heritage Craft' report and discussion (Robin Wood)
- 5 'Companion Stones' project (Charles Monkhouse and Nicole Porter)
- 6 First and Second World War commemorations (Sarah Chubb)
- 7 Derbyshire 2015 – a year of celebration (Ann Wright), including a presentation about The Great Chronoscope, a centrepiece event, by Rob and Matt Vale (Illuminos)
- 8 Performance monitoring (Wes Downes)
- 9 Date of next meeting
Wednesday, 25th September 2013, 2pm

MINUTES of the **CULTURE DERBYSHIRE BOARD** held at County Hall, Matlock on 31 January 2013.

PRESENT

Councillor A Lewer (in the Chair)

Pauline Beswick (PDNPA), Wes Downes (DCC – Chief Executives), Denise Edwards (Hardwick Hall), Robert Gent (DCC – Cultural and Community Services), Lucy Godfrey (Derbyshire Museums Forum), Councillor Carol Hart (DCC), Adam Lathbury (DCC – Conservation and Design), Robert Mayo (Welbeck Estates), Martin Molloy (DCC – Strategic Director, Cultural and Community Services), Steve Pintus (Public Health – DCC PCT), David Senior (National Tramway Museum), Peter Shelton (Arts Derbyshire), Councillor Geoff Stevens (Derbyshire Dales District Council), Anthony Streeten (English Heritage), Mark Suggitt (Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site), Alison Thomas (DCC – Environmental Services), and Councillor Mike Wallis (Erewash Borough Council).

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Huw Davis (University of Derby), Vanessa Harbar (HLF), Councillor Steve Hayes (Amber Valley Borough Council), Councillor Jim Hewlett (South Derbyshire District Council), Peter Knott (Arts Council, England), Councillor Barry Lewis (Creswell Heritage Trust), Emma Sayer (HLF), Alexander Sitwell (Renishaw Hall), Councillor Ann Syrett (Bolsover District Council) and Paul Wilson (Derbyshire Dales District Council).

Councillor Lewer welcomed the following guests to the meeting:- Sarah Chubb (Derbyshire Records Office, Archives and Local Studies Manager) and Rob Wadsworth (S4W Limited).

Councillor Lewer informed members that this would be Robert Gent's final meeting before his retirement. Andrew thanked Robert for his contribution to the Culture Derbyshire Board and for his outstanding service to the Authority over many years and wished him a long and happy retirement.

01/13 **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of the Culture Derbyshire Board held on 26 September 2012 were received.

02/13 **ELEMENTAL FORCE** Members were shown a video presentation in relation to Elemental Force which was a partnership project between Visit England and The Arts Council to showcase how Arts could be used as a way of attracting tourists to the area and boosting the local economy.

The video showed an event that had been held at Chatsworth House which had proved to be a huge success with enormous public interest.

The Duke of Devonshire had been so impressed with the showcase that he had volunteered Chatsworth to be available again on the 23 March 2013 for the finale to the Elemental Force project.

03/13 PRESENTATION ON DERBYSHIRE RECORD OFFICE DEVELOPMENT Sarah Chubb attended the meeting and gave a presentation to members on progress with the development of the new Derbyshire Record Office and Local Studies Library.

The new facility was due to open on 12th February 2013 and would be a modern user friendly building with state of the art archive and record storage facilities.

Public access had been greatly improved and it was hoped that the excellent meeting room facilities would encourage groups to use the accommodation and help the Record Office reach out into the community. As well as the accommodation the Record Office was looking to improve the ways of accessing collections both by visiting the Record Office and by digitising collections.

Councillor Lewer thanked Sarah for a most interesting presentation and update and informed members that they would all receive an invite to the opening ceremony of the new facility.

04/13 CREATIVE DERBYSHIRE Rob Wadsworth, from S4W Limited a local project management and economic development practice attended the meeting and informed members of the Creative Derbyshire project.

Creative Derbyshire was a bespoke programme of support for local creative businesses and artists, running from 2010 to December 2013. The programme sat under the umbrella of Arts Derbyshire, with major funding coming from Arts Council England, Derbyshire County Council and all 8 district and borough councils. The programme was managed under contract to Derbyshire County Council by S4W Limited.

There were 3 strands of work under the programme:-

- supporting businesses development and providing access to a range of support,
- supporting young people to enter the industry and to stimulate new talent and
- stimulating innovation within the Arts and Creative sector.

Rob outlined the key outcomes of the programme and also the key achievements of the programme to date, some of the future challenges the programme faced and a review of how the programme was currently positioned.

The aim was to try and ensure that some elements of the programme could continue after December 2013.

It was felt that to date the programme had been very successful in utilising the networks of Arts Derbyshire to provide a range of support to creative businesses and arts based businesses/practitioners.

It was noted that at this stage in the Creative Derbyshire programme there was a considerable track record of success and a solid penetration within the County's creative community. It was important to raise further awareness of the programme amongst key partners and potential investors.

The Chairman thanked Rob for a most informative and interesting presentation.

05/13 **FIRST WORLD WAR COMMEMORATION** Sarah Chubb reminded members that the Record Office was trying to co-ordinate a series of events involving a wide range of organisations across the County to commemorate the 100 years anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. This also coincided with the 75th anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War.

It was proposed to market the project under the banner of 'Derbyshire Lives through World Wars' and it was hoped to capture the experience of local Derbyshire people and that of the county as a whole, during the wars. This was seen to be a hugely significant event which was why planning was beginning at this early stage in order to provide the best possible commemoration across the County. A number of bids to funding sources were currently being submitted, but even if these bids were not successful the project would continue under some guise.

The Chairman thanked Sarah for the update and looked forward to an excellent programme of events to commemorate the World Wars.

06/13 **CULTURAL PROSPECTUS** Members were circulated with a copy of the Cultural Prospectus for Derbyshire 2013/16 which was widely available online as only a limited print run had taken place.

Martin Molloy, explained that the Prospectus was a working document for everyone and not simply a Derbyshire County Council publication. Everyone had made a contribution and shared the vision of a vibrant

Derbyshire-wide cultural sector working together to deliver challenging, exciting and satisfying experiences for local people and visitors.

The aim was to stimulate the collaborative working that would help make Derbyshire a place where people wanted to be, creating opportunities to participate in arts, sports, culture and leisure opportunities.

Martin believed that this was a really excellent document that had been brought together by all partner organisations and he hoped that it would be a really useful working document.

07/13 **REPORT FROM CULTURE DERBYSHIRE BOARD TO DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM** Members were informed that in December 2012 a report was submitted from Culture Derbyshire Board to the Derbyshire Partnership Forum.

The report described the work of Culture Derbyshire over the past 6 months including a successful cultural conference, the Olympic Torch relay and other activity related to the Olympic and Paralympic Games and showed how the cultural partnership was contributing to the achievement of wider priorities.

The Derbyshire Partnership Forum had been informed of the work that had been carried out to provide the Cultural Prospectus that was submitted to members at this meeting, and outlined what was contained within it.

08/13 **YEAR OF CULTURE 2015** Peter Shelton, Derbyshire Arts, informed members that the Year of Culture was to take place in 2015 and was very much a partnership between both the City and County Councils'.

A bid to the UK City of Culture competition for 2017 would carry significant financial and other risks, so it had been decided to focus attention on Derby and Derbyshire doing its own event in 2015. Many different organisations and groups across the County would be involved with a specific emphasis on community involvement, with a huge amount having been learnt from the success of the Olympic Torch Relay.

As part of the event it was hoped that there would be one major new commission and 9 organisations including 3 local groups had been asked to put forward expressions of interest by 18 February 2013. The successful applicant would receive £3,000 of funding to build the idea up.

It was also noted that prior to the Elemental Force Finale at Chatsworth on 23 March a VIP seminar was planned on the same day to publicise and market the Year of Culture.

The Chairman thanked Peter for his update.

09/13 PROPOSED BASELINE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Members were provided with an update on progress towards establishing baseline data for those Culture Derbyshire performance indicators confirmed by the Board on 26th September 2012. At that meeting it was also agreed that year-on-year performance would be monitored without necessarily setting targets although it was recognised that many contributory organisations monitored their own targets or forecasts independently.

Appendix 1 to the report had been updated to provide baseline figures which usually related to the Local Government year 2011/12, or other periods as stated. Several gaps had been filled and a number of definitions left open had now been settled. A few gaps still remained, however it was anticipated that these would be addressed by the time the next update was due when comparative data for 2 years should also be available. It was agreed that if any organisation had good data then the Authority would look to use it in a positive way. Members were also asked to consider how to capture data relating to creative industries.

10/13 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings will be held in 2013 as follows:-

Thursday, 6 June 2013 – 2 p.m., Committee Room 1

Wednesday, 25 September 2013 – 2 p.m., Committee Room 1