



Culture Durham Partnership

Minutes of Board Meeting, 17th May, 2018

Present

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| Roger Kelly | - | Chair |
| Sally Dixon | - | Beamish Museum |
| Jane Whittaker | - | The Bowes Museum |
| Andy Jackson | - | Cobweb |
| Eileen Atkins | - | Culture Bridge North East |
| CLlr Ossie Johnson | - | Durham County Council |
| Stephen Howell | - | Durham County Council |
| Jane Shaw | - | Durham Creatives |
| Mike Summers | - | Durham Music Service |
| Keith Bartlett | - | Durham University |
| Trish Pemberton | - | Friends of Stockton – Darlington Railway |
| Martin Wilson | - | TIN Arts |
| Michelle Gorman | - | Visit County Durham |
| Craig Wilson | - | Visit County Durham |
| Jane Hedges | - | Culture Durham Partnership |

Apologies

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| Nicholas Baumfield | - | Arts Council |
| Liz Fisher | - | Auckland Castle |
| Adrian Jenkins | - | The Bowes Museum |
| Ruth Robson | - | Durham Cathedral |
| Richard Dowson | - | Durham County Cricket Club |
| Frank Wilson | - | Event International |
| Tony Harrington | - | The Forge |
| Ivor Crowther | - | Heritage Lottery Fund |
| Nicky Harrison | - | Historic England |
| Matthew Jarratt | - | North East Cultural Partnership |
| Chris Woodley-Stewart | - | North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Duncan Peake | - | Raby Castle |
| Ciara Wells | - | Science Museum |

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies.

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| <p>RK opened the meeting with particular thanks to Trish Pemberton, Chair of the Friends of the Stockton – Darlington Railway and Craig Wilson, Visit County Durham for attending to present to the Board.</p> | |
| <p>Apologies were noted (see above).</p> | |

2. Minutes of the meeting, 25th January 2018 and matters arising.

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| <p>The minutes of the meeting on 25th January were agreed as accurate.</p> | |
| <p>Matters arising: 5. RK noted that funding of the partnership activity would be considered following the current review of the Vision and Action Plan when future function clarified. 7 (f). Work on festivals was included in the evaluation methodologies work stream.</p> | |

3. Stockton-Darlington Railway – Trish Pemberton

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| <p>Trish Pemberton gave an informative presentation to the Board (see attachment). Key other points made were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hitachi location decision was influenced by this heritage and the company is now represented on the steering board; • The HAZ is unique in its location in 3 local authorities; • Corporate membership of the Friends is £50 p.a; • Thinking through how to engage with partners and how to develop collaborative work – there are 7 years to develop this. • Already had a successful collaboration with DMS with the Train Suite; • HAZ consensus event on 4th June 2018; • Links with Great Places Scheme in Durham and Tees Valley; • Significant relevant national work includes the All Party parliamentary Group on Industrial Heritage and a paper the Labour Party is developing on arts and industrial heritage which draws attention to the disparity of funding per head of population between the North and the South. • Timothy Hackworth’s engine, the Royal George is directly associated with Shildon and Witton Park; intention is to try to involve Prince Charles. <p>RK thanked TP for her interesting presentation and it was agreed that the Partnership would receive further updates on the initiative and seek to identify opportunities for collaboration and promotion.</p> | <p>RK</p> |
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4. Northern Saints Trails Project – Craig Wilson

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| <p>Craig Wilson presented the Northern Saints Project to the group (presentation attached).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project has been under discussion for some time and is now coming together for the Year of Pilgrimage in 2020 which will celebrate Durham as the Cradle of British Christianity and is an important cultural tourism attraction. • The Durham visitor economy is worth £800m – this equates to 11,000 jobs. • Development of trails which link together Christian heritage attractions in the region and can be marketed as a package will contribute to further development of the visitor economy. • Further updates will be received by the Board and the Events Forum and partners will seek to identify aligned events, activities and opportunities for collaboration. <p>RK thanked CW for his informative and helpful presentation.</p> | |
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5. Year of Culture 2019

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| <p>SH reported that there had been discussions within DCC about the significant cultural events taking place in 2019 including the Cricket World Cup, the Norman Cornish centenary, the opening of the Spanish Art Gallery, Lumiere etc.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all Partners would share their organisations list of significant events so that a comprehensive list could be compiled. • JH to write to Board members to request lists of 2019 events. • Composite list will be discussed by DCC and VCD and then with the wider partnership, working with the Events Forum. • Events Forum to meet before next Board meeting on 9th July. | <p>All</p> <p>JH SH/MG Events Forum</p> |
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6. Review of Vision and Action plan

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| <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the session facilitated by Mark Robinson on 8th May had been valuable; • MRs paper was an accurate reflection of the discussion; • a further meeting would be arranged to hone down to a smaller number of priorities and actions to take forward. • the process will be swift with a revised draft document, one opportunity to comment and then be finalised. <p>Funding of Partnership activities was discussed. It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a sustainable model should be developed which enables partners to | |
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| contribute according to their ability to do so; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • equal levels of influence are preserved and that level of funding does not 'buy' influence; • an open discussion on funding will take place after the review of priorities and actions is completed. | |
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7. Action Plan Progress Report

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| a) Events Forum – next meeting to be arranged before the Board meeting on 9 th July. | JH |
| b) Education – full update at agenda item 8 | EA |
| c) Art Forms/collections – second meeting to be arranged after Creative Learning Week (overlap of partner involvement) and when Partnership priorities and actions have been agreed thorough the review process. | SD/JH |
| d) International – date for meeting currently being sought. | KB |
| e) Collections – see C) above | |
| f) Festivals – merged with Evaluation Methodologies work stream. Briefing held. | SH |
| g) Churches and Chapels – RK to contact Jill Cole after the end of June | RK |
| h) Website – On-going updating | JH |
| i) Cultural Audit – On-going updating | JH |

8. County Durham Cultural Education Partnership and Creative Learning Week Update

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eileen Atkins updated the group on Creative Learning Week and asked partners to share Tweets and Posts via social media. • Inspirational stories about cultural education are sought to raise excitement about best practice. • A list of cultural education lead governors is being compiled. First step is to empower them to ask questions through 2 training sessions in October and February. • Data mapping exercise is almost complete and is due to be finished in July. • 98% primary schools have engaged with cultural organisations in County | |
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| <p>Durham.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No geographical pattern emerging re. schools' engagement with cultural organisations. • A detailed analysis will be prepared for CDCEP to inform future action and a summary will be prepared for wider use. | |
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9. Member Updates

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| <p>Jane Shaw – ERDF secured for Durham Creatives programme of business and professional development in the sector.</p> <p>Eileen Atkins – Directory for schools now on Culture Bridge website. Information about CDCEP is on the Culture Bridge and the Culture Durham Partnership websites.</p> <p>Stephen Howell – work on festival intensifying. Cycling starts w/c 21st May.</p> <p>Michael Summers – Music GCSE entries have been maintained and potentially increasing.</p> <p>Jane Whittaker – Approaching the end of the 120th anniversary year. Event on 10th June to celebrate the founding of the museum and this will become annual. Links with China and the Gulf States developing. New commercial manager appointed.</p> <p>Michelle Gorman – Discover England funding a project for international visitors that will benefit residents as well. Project looking at flights into cities in the North to extend visits geographically. Walking trails work developing. Spirituality and Sanctuary theme. Now a recognition that we need to make more of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the UK – this will benefit the whole country.</p> <p>Cllr Ossie Johnson – DCC is working closely with partners across the county including VCD, Bowes, Beamish and Killhope.</p> <p>Martin Wilson – TinArts start touring on 18th May from Norwich to Barcelona. In 2019 TinArts will celebrate its 20th anniversary.</p> <p>Keith Bartlett – Scottish Soldiers exhibition opens 9th June. Durham City Arts Festival runs for the whole of June starting with the Jazz Festival. Any cultural events promoted as being 'Inspired by the Great Exhibition of the North' can be promoted by GEN.</p> | |
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10. Any other business

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11. Dates of next meeting – 9th July 2018.