

**Cultural Partnership Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> May 2010, Burnley Mechanics**

**Minutes**

**Present** – Paul Foster, Jacqueline Whittaker, Mary Brown, Helen Jones, Gerard Vinton, Rachel Hawthorn, Suzanne Dimmock, Peter Kenyon

**1. Apologies** – Mike Townend, Andy Buck,

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

Blaze project/Linear park. HJ has sent out an email asking for input about cultural activity near to or on the route from Padiham to Queens Street Mill, but no feedback has come back yet. Input is needed please to map out activity that is already taking place e.g. Sports venues along the routes. Some points raised:

- Discussion about the Gannow tunnel/link: Sports Dev are investigating on Friday.
- Gerald Thompson leading a guided walk this week as part of walking festival.
- Marshall Branch Library – near end of Trafalgar St.

Please e-mail all information to Helen Jones.

LET – we have obtained a lease for what was the car shop on St James Street, which is to be signed of this week.

**4. Burnley Central Library - Mary Brown**

The music area is being redeveloped to become a new young people's area, funded through Stocks Massey. . The whole area is being given over to use by young people to include a plasma screen in presentation area, racks for CD and DVDs, chairs with listening hoods, a study area with Apple Mac computers, music keyboards, a gaming area, and a reading area. Potential conflict of user groups has been recognized between the young people and others accessing the audio/visual library, it may be decided that all music, and music books and texts are to be relocated downstairs. Mooch consultation with young people has informed the design which has been produced by Groff Goode architects. Work is due to start in June, and it will entail 6 – 8 weeks of work. The plan will go out to consultation in schools. The area will be open to all for public access but aimed at 14 – 25 yrs age.

Wifi is available throughout library now.

**6. Sport Update – Paul**

Sport and Play Strategy close to completion. The Strategy pulls together objectives to come under the 3 themes of people, place and prospect. Final draft to presented to executive in June, and publication will follow.

**Scream and Shout** – Half term programme is out, and will be distributed to libraries. Online version will be available soon also. Other partners can be included in summer program (Communities and Voluntary Groups). Sports Development will be promoting the scheme through assemblies, parents evenings and town centre promotion day. It will also be promoted through BCN.

**7. HLF Bids – Helen**

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- Towneley Time Travellers project has been awarded £24,000 through the Young Roots Scheme. Led by a group of 13 to 19 year olds, the project will engage other young people in devising a new audio/visual guide to Towneley aimed at the teenage age group. The young people will work with an artist to create an installation as part of the Heritage Celebration weekend in June to promote their project. The drama, scriptwriting and filming work will be done in the summer holidays and the guide will be launched on 11<sup>th</sup> September with a Masquerade Ball for young people as part of the Heritage Open Weekend. Anthony Briggs and Rachel Hawthorn from the Arts Development team are leading the project and working in partnership with staff at Towneley Hall.
- Planning permission for the reinstatement of the Thompson Centre Frieze on Trafalgar Street has been cleared. The mill opposite used to be Thompson family mill which is a good link for the site. There will be a programme of engagement work to go alongside the reinstatement work. Work will begin later this year. Burnley Council (Property consultancy) will responsible for up keep in the future.

**5. Princess Way Update – Suzanne**

A pre consultation session was held at UCLAN this morning and good feedback received from students about the plans for the area. Final clearance has not yet been given to advertise the commission but it is planned to put it out on Artist Network on Monday and also sent to known artists and contacts. Four artists will be shortlisted by a selection panel. The shortlisted artists will receive payment to develop their ideas. Then a public vote will choose final design. The deadline for the project may well need to be extended. The timing has been very tight so far and has affected the ability to carry out a full public consultation.

**8. Meeting Format development**

Green Spaces and Leisure and Recreation have begun to hold cross-unit meetings. To avoid duplication of people attending meetings it makes sense to combine this with the Cultural partnership meeting. The proposed format will be a 9.30am internal meeting first followed by the Cultural Partnership meeting. This will provide a significant efficiently saving and will give the Cultural Partnership greater potential impact as service heads, the director for community services and the executive member for Culture & Leisure will be attending meetings.

Theme groups and LSP feed back will continue as normal with the following people feeding back from these LSP meetings:

Simon – Environment

Paul – Stronger communities

Helen – Safety communities

GV – Childrens trust

**10. Any other business –**

- Peter informs the meeting that Rob Carder is a new staff member at MPA as Business Development Manager.
- Tourism has now incorporated accommodation sector.

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- Complaint is raised about construction rubbish on Towneley Holmes Road. GV will pass message on.
- Walking festival on this week. Going well so far.
- Heritage open days in sept – new
- Paul - Olympics 2years countdown weekend. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July. Mass participation events will take place in town centre.
- Padiham greenway triathlon event planned to take place in August for Padiham sports week. Hope is that this event will become established in future years.

Next meeting dates: that replace previously scheduled Cultural Partnership meeting dates

**24<sup>th</sup> August 2010, 11am Town Hall**

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2011, 11am Town Hall**