

## Worcestershire Arts Partnership

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011

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#### Minutes of meeting:

**Apologies:** **Annette Wright**, Libraries Service, Health, **Emily Haf Callen**, VCS, , **Simon Tipple**, Tourism, **John de la Cour**, Elmley Foundation, **Huw Moseley**, Arts Dev Bromsgrove, **Ian Rutherford**, Heritage and Museums Manager, **Pete Sugg**, Worcester City Council, **Colin Farlow**, Worcestershire Youth Music, **Nic Lloyd**, Chief Executive Malvern Theatres, **Louise Clark**, Adult Community Services, **Robert Wilson**, Amateur Sector, **Traci Lloyd Moore**, PCT and Heath, **Louise Clark**, ACS and Health, **Sally Whytehead**, Amateur Sector, **Stephen Belinfante**, Arts Education, **Jonathan Mayes**, Arts Council

**Attendance:** **Judith Elkin**, University of Worcester, (**CHAIR**) **Steve Wilson**, County Arts Officer (**mins**), **Steve Boffy** Consultant Arts Development, University of Worcester, **Jonathan Cochrane**, Theatre and Arts Development Manager, Redditch, **Loz Samuels**, Arts and Play Officer, Wyre Forest, **Charlotte Brennan**, Consultant – Spark Arts and Elmley Foundation, , **Rose Beeston**, Artistic Director **Dena Falk**, Children's Services, **Tanya Feasey**, Environmental Services, **Fred Moroni**, Professional Sector, **Robert Rankin**, VCS (Age Concern), **Manda Graham**, Malvern Hills

ITEM	COMMENTS	ACTION
<b>1. Introductions and Apologies</b>	These were given. Steve W announced that Emily Haf Callen had resigned from being the vcs representative for young people and that Jodie McConnell had resigned from the County Council.	
<b>2. Minutes of the meeting and matters arising</b>	There were no amendments and the matters arising were covered through the minutes.	
<b>3. News from the Arts Council National Portfolio Decisions</b>	The Arts Council made their decisions regarding the National Portfolio clients. It was mixed news for Worcestershire with awards given to Shindig through Live & Local, Dancefest, C&T, and Meadow Arts. However, Malvern Theatres were not successful and neither were Movement Art Gallery.  There was a discussion regarding how the arts partnership would respond to the decisions and it was agreed that Judith would write to the Arts Council. Steve W would let Judith know who was awarded grants and who was rejected. Steve W advised that Jonathan Mayes, the Worcestershire Relationship Officer would be	Judith and Steve W



	<p>sense of all the changes that were taking place.</p> <p>Dena F said the next stage of the children and young people's sub group was for her manager Paul Finnemore to report to his managers on how the arts could be involved in the new structures and that Paul would report back to that group in early May.</p> <p><b>Arts and Health</b> Manda and Steve Boffy reported back. The group was still meeting on a regular basis and had come up with an action plan. This would include an arts and health directory as well as greater exposure on the Arts Matter facebook site. Steve Boffy and Manda also reported on the need to engage with the new GP consortiums. Steve Boffy also informed the group that a Arts and Health Consortium at the University had been successful.</p> <p><b>Advocacy and Promotion</b> Steve Wilson asked the group why there had been such a poor response to the e-mail sent by Loz Samuels asking for biographies from representatives from the Arts Partnership. It was felt that the advocacy and promotion group would need to look at and concentrate on key areas within their work and that this would be done as part of Charlottes work as Project Manager.</p> <p>The biographies sent to Loz would be placed on the website by Steve W.</p> <p><b>Visual Arts</b> The 5x5x5 bid for arts residencies had been sent to the Arts Council.</p> <p><b>Arts in Non Arts Spaces</b> Rose and Tanya said that there had been no development of this group but that they were still keen to meet. Steve W said he would join them and Charlotte would also support this as part of her work as Project Manager</p>	<p>Stephen Belinfante</p> <p>Charlotte and Loz Samuels.</p> <p>Steve W</p> <p>Steve W</p> <p>Rose, Tanya.</p>
<p><b>6. Template for applying for funding</b></p>	<p>Manda would e-mail this to Steve W to send round to the sub – group leads</p>	<p>Manda, Steve W</p>
<p><b>7. Round Up</b></p>	<p>Charlotte – gave an update on 12 Moves and gave news of key artistic appointments as well as news of the main event which will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Hive.</p> <p>Fred Moroni – Fred was stepping in for Nick Lloyd representing the professional sector. Fred reported that Malvern Hills were undertaking some marketing work with The Courtyard Theatre.</p>	

	<p>Jonathan Cochrane – informed the group that this was the last week of the TIE tour. He reported on the restructure of Bromsgrove and Redditch Council's and that there would be two posts, an arts and events post and a post for venue management.</p> <p>Robert Rankin – said that the VCS were trying to understand the new GP commissioning and where the VCS fits within this. He also reported that Age Concern had made a film with young people.</p> <p>Dena Falk – gave a further update to the many changes affecting her service and that the posts held by Dave Boucker and Jo Chester had now disappeared.</p> <p>Rose Beeston – informed the Partnership that Dancefest were looking to get back into the sports partnership. They were also working with Worcester HIV on getting a bid to the Wellcome Foundation. On the Cultural Olympiad work they are working with SAMPAD on a project called Moving Earth. They were also working with other touring agencies on a bid to the cultural Olympic programme.</p> <p>Manda Graham – has now got the job title of Community Development Officer and will look to place arts within this remit. She has appointed John Merrill as the sculptor for Malvern Vale</p> <p>Steve Boffy – has been developing a new style Children's festival and is keen to get more performers and events at it. He was given some contacts for the event. Steve has also been busy with this year's Big Draw.</p> <p>Steve Wilson – gave news on the County's funding decisions and said he had been busy developing an arts programme at The Hive.</p> <p>Judith Elkin – reported that the University are focussing on the employability of students and about giving them meaningful opportunities when they leave college.</p>	
<p><b>8. Date of next meeting</b></p>	<p>Arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 4.30pm. Steve W asked Tanya Feasey if we could use the Countryside Centre? Tanya to let Steve know.</p>	<p>Steve W and Tanya Feasey</p>