



YORK@LARGE

Minutes

Date: 10 December 2014

Time: 16:00

Venue: Leeman Room, West Offices

Present: Chris Bailey, Steve Purcell, Stuart Goulden, Gill Cooper, Cllr Sonja Crisp, Joan Concannon

Apologies: Vicky Biles, Janet Barnes, Claire Antrobus, Gavin Cowley

Item	Discussion	Action	
1	<p>Apologies and introductions and welcome</p> <p>Chris Bailey (CB) opened the meeting and welcomed all to the meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were noted.</p> <p>Cllr Crisp (SC) requested clarification on an item in the previous notes and Gill Cooper (GC) agreed to amend as appropriate as it didn't reflect the tone of the conversation.</p>	GC	
2	<p>Election of Chair of York @ Large</p> <p>GC advised there had been one application for the post of Chair of York @ Large, which was from Chris Bailey, the Interim Chair. The closing date had been the end of November. Chris's letter of application had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members attending had one vote each. The vote was taken and Chris Bailey was unanimously voted Chair of York @ Large and welcomed by the attendees.</p>		
3	<p>York Cultural Strategy and York @ Large Workplan</p> <p>CB said there had been a lot of progress to date, working with partners in an entirely voluntary capacity which is really what York @ Large is about.</p> <p>With a serious decline in public sector funding to the cultural sector there needs to be work on an Action Plan/strategy. To fulfil our strategic role we need to be able to talk to peers at Without Walls about the benefits and ways forward for our sector. Discussion suggested work on specific arts & culture, heritage and creative industries subsections.</p> <p>Propositions. CB suggested that there are some requirements that Y@L can deliver with relatively limited officer time and taking on a co-ordination role.</p> <p>Start to build on a cultural strategy and a very short advocacy document for culture? About 8 pages – could be on-line as well as paper. Very visual. The audience would be Without Walls partners.</p>		

Talk to people who have the skills. A Manifesto – a case for culture? CB proposed to work with a small group on the board to produce a draft that built on the work of Creative Conversations and the Andrew Dixon facilitated conference in May.

CB reported on Red Letter night progress. There have been some good applications for the role of Creative Director. Closing date is 15th December. Member of York @ Large should be involved in the interview process.

Stuart Goulden (SG) gave an update on the successful bid for UNESCO City of Media Arts. The UNESCO Creative Cities Network comprises 69 cities, 8 in our category, and York is the UK's first City of Media Arts. CB conveyed his thanks to all those involved in the work. A definite team effort from across the Y@L constituency and clearly very important for the new Make it York.

There will be a structure to be organised, though one is proposed in the plan issued by the bid team on the 1st December. A paper will go to Cabinet on 16 December regarding the Digital Media Arts Centre for Guildhall.

CB said the Board needs to think about which networks we are supporting and be a bit strategic about it. In addition GC thought UNESCO logo on street signage would be appropriate as seen in other cities.

Charlie Croft (CDC) wondered how the Board legitimately sets out another work programme and not many members left on York @ Large. How do we engage the sector and would it be MIY's job to do that in future?

Should we be asking MIY to make a case for culture – and essentially the economic case driving cultural strategy? MIY will be answerable to the Cabinet Member.

CB thought a re-think of Y@L's composition and constitution was needed. Consideration needs to be given to where does York @ Large sit? CB referred to his earlier paper on this

Steve Purcell (SP) said it would be good to know what the priorities are and would they set the agenda. Now is the time to scale that up. Illuminating York – project as a highlight?

Meeting last Tuesday and everyone was up for it. Aesthetica Film Festival linked into Media Arts workplan? Possibly MIY co-commission a huge piece of work. SP felt that we needed to be able to do the Cultural strategy work as outlined by CB so that when Steve Brown started with MIY there would be an agenda and a list of priorities to be discussed

SG said there was a meeting next Tuesday to update Unesco cities and more will be known after that as regards the Media City Action plan and proposals. .

SG

	CB will be meeting Steve Brown soon and will possibly invite him to a York @ Large meeting.	CB	
4	AOB Dates for next year - February, June, September and December will be circulated as soon as possible.	RM	