



## YORK@LARGE

### Minutes

**Date:** 7 December 2016

**Time:** 16:00

**Venue:** Rowntree room, West Offices

**Present:** Chris Bailey, Cllr Nigel Ayre, Ian Cunningham, Joan Concannon, Fiona Williams, Steve Brown.

**Apologies:** Liz Wilson, Cllr Ayre

Item	Discussion	Action	
1	<b>Apologies, Introductions and Welcome</b>		
2.	<b>Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising</b>  The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.  Robert Powell advised that the second meeting to discuss the role arts and culture could play in York's future, took place at Bootham School in October. It was very well attended and members of the Council's planning team came to give an update on progress of the local plan and how people involved in the arts can contribute to the plan. The next meeting will take place in January.  Following the decision by the Council's Executive to approve the proposal to set up an independent Arts Education service, a discussion took place about a possible workshop to look at how this would work. Chris to liaise with Charlie further regarding date for the workshop.	CB/CC	
3	<b>Culture and Economy</b>  Big City Read ended last Saturday and went really well. Fiona is now thinking about next year and looking for sponsorship. Eric Bloodaxe featured at the October half term event.  National Day of Disability was last weekend and there was a some wonderful art.		

	<p>Fiona to circulate the DCMS strategy document, which is different from previous strategies in how it can integrate into Councils, strategic planning and outcomes. There is an innovation fund of between £50 - £250k and is to support people living in disadvantaged areas.</p> <p>Joan Concannon is working on the cultural Festival of ideas –looking for funders/partners, and is in discussion with FT about possible media publishing. There are some interesting names coming through. Also planning for the upcoming International Shakespeare Festival in May.</p> <p>Rachel Drew– Illuminating York went really well. 65k visits which was up on last year. 3% more ticket sales. Better feedback with 80% saying good or excellent.</p> <p>Chris Bailey said the York Guild of Media Arts has recently had its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was a very lively and extremely positive meeting. There are 204 members.</p>		
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Culture and Wellbeing</b></p> <p>15 December date for consulting on the Health &amp; Wellbeing strategy.</p>		
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Culture and Place</b></p> <p>Discussion took place about a possible Charette/walkabout one Saturday as a way of helping Planning explore and understand how the arts and culture can be incorporated in development planning – a cultural audit. Various sites in York for this to take place were discussed. Robert Powell to look into this further. Possibly a wagon and students takeover. Audience to be cultural leaders, York @ Large and planning team and people who live the the area with their ‘cultural’ hat on. Suggested approx 30-40 people in total.</p>	<p>RP</p>	

	<p>CB to take a paper to the cultural leaders group.</p> <p>Ben Porter advised Blank Canvas is continuing well and that there is an art exhibition '999' offering artists the opportunity to turn 9 rooms in the old fire station into an art exhibition. Ben offered to show members of the board around. There is a music and film studio there.</p>		
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>News and issues raised by members</b></p> <p>Steve Brown – The first annual York Culture Awards evening took place last week, and this was very successful. Congratulations were extended to Ben Porter for his excellent film of York shown on the evening.</p> <p>Steve Brown said he will hear in January whether the application for £50k from the Arts Council has been successful.</p>		
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Upcoming events:  Chinese new year 28 January.  Shakespeare festival at York Theatre Royal – in May  Festival of Ideas – 6-18 June</p>		
	<p><b>Date of next meeting: 7 March, 4pm.</b></p>		