

**Minutes of the 23rd Yorkshire Culture Board Meeting
Tuesday 5th September 2006, The Deep Business Centre, Hull**

Board Members Present: Narendra Bajaria (meeting chair), Gary Topp (company secretary), Ruth Churchill Dower, John Davies, Colin Jeynes, Louise Hampson, Mike Pye, Robin Smith

Apologies: Clive Leach (Chair), Adam Carey, George Nairn Briggs, Leigh Anne Stradeski

Also Present: Amanda Potter (DCMS), Zoë Bawn, Rebecca di Corpo, Elaine Stuart (Yorkshire Culture)

- **Item 6:** Martin Havenhand (Yorkshire Committee for the 2012 Games)

- **Item 7:** Peter Elliott (English Institute of Sport)

1. Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Narendra Bajaria welcomed directors to the meeting.

1.2 The above apologies were noted and the board wished Clive Leach a speedy recovery.

1.3 It was noted the board was not quorate.

2. Minutes of previous meeting Tuesday 20th June 2006

2.1 The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 All action items were confirmed as having been completed or followed up as appropriate.

3.2 Directors Indemnity: The DCMS response was noted and it was agreed that the issue had now been followed up as far as possible. Robin Smith proposed that the board accepted the current position.

4. Director's Report

4.1 **Cultural Observatory:** It was agreed that the Cultural Observatory will be an item on the agenda for a future 2006 meeting to discuss the progress for the next period.

4.2 **Partnerships:** It was noted that the work in the area of partnerships is moving in the right direction. It is a period of reviewing partnerships; the national consultation on the RCC paper will inform the decision making process with respect to the forward work programme for the cultural partnerships. Further discussions will be held in early 2007.

4.3 **Policy & Strategy:** Keith Crawshaw is liaising with partners regarding the Local Government agenda and the next few months are critical for the Local Authority and DCMS regional agendas. It is not possible at this stage to

predict the direction this will take, however this work will feed in to the cultural review paper.

- 4.4 **Policy & Strategy:** It was noted that a correction needed to be made to the timeline for this work in the Directors Report; specifically, April 2006 should be amended to November 2006.
- 4.5 **BSF:** It was noted that CABE expressed their delight in the work that Rebecca Bracey, BSF Project Manager, has undertaken as the Yorkshire regional representative on their programme.
- 4.6 **Northern Way:** The board was informed of the latest developments with respect to the contractual agreement between Yorkshire Culture and Yorkshire Forward. It was agreed a clear exit strategy is required.
- 4.7 **Illuminate:** This work is undergoing an evaluation process and it is expected this will identify the right working mechanisms across the cities. The 6th October is the final event in this festival, with Light Night.
- 4.8 **IIFA / Bollywood:** Key partners interviewed for a specialist company in place to deliver this. An update will be provided at the next board meeting.
- 4.9 **Tour of Britain:** Lessons are to be learned from this year's cycle race, and concerns expressed with respect to some of the operational aspects of the race have been taken on board for future events. Overall however, this event was deemed a success and discussions are in place for future investment opportunities within the region.

5. Finance Update

- 5.1 The annual review and audited accounts were confirmed as having been filed with Companies House and laid in Parliament prior to Summer recess in line with agreed timescales.
- 5.1 Zoe Bawn provided board with a brief overview of the finance report. No issues were raised.

6. Yorkshire Committee for the 2012 Games Update

- 6.1 Martin Havenhand, Executive Chair of the committee, presented board with an update on the national and regional structures now in place for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- 6.2 It was noted the committee is presently developing the regional strategy through stakeholder engagement and the document is expected to be launched by the year end.
- 6.3 It was agreed Martin will return to present to board in the spring to provide a further update on the activities of the regional steering committee.

7. International Sporting Relations Update

- 7.1 Peter Elliott, Athlete Services Manager, English Institute of Sport, presented to board the positive outcomes of his visit to Japan. The presentation slides are available upon request.

8. AOB

8.1 There was no further business to report on this occasion.

9. Date of next meeting and future venues

9.1 The following dates and venues were confirmed for the remaining 2006 board meetings:

- Wednesday 18th October (Church House, York)
- Tuesday 12th December (Doncaster Dome)

Action & Decision Points

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