

**Minutes of the 24th Yorkshire Culture Board Meeting
Wednesday 18th October 2006, Church House, Ogleforth, York**

Board Members Present: Clive Leach (chair), Gary Topp (company secretary), Louise Hampson, Narendra Bajaria, Ruth Churchill Dower, Leigh Anne Stradeski, Adam Carey

Apologies: George Nairn Briggs, John Davies, Cllr Mike Pye, Robin Smith, Colin Jeynes

Also Present: Amanda Potter (DCMS), Rebecca di Corpo, Elaine Stuart, John Wright, Ben McKenna (Yorkshire Culture)

1. Welcome & Apologies

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed directors to the meeting and thanked Narendra Bajaria for chairing the September board meeting on his behalf.
- 1.2 The above apologies were noted.
- 1.3 It was noted the board was not quorate.

2. Minutes of previous meeting Wednesday 18th October 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 issue has been followed up as far as possible and the board is awaiting quorate status before finally motioning the proposal that board accept the current position regarding the issue.

4. Director's Report

- 4.1 **Cultural Observatory:** It was noted the Cultural Observatory is in a period of review and the evaluation report will be presented at a future board meeting.
- 4.2 **Partnerships:** The RCC Futures 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:** Of particular interest to members was the Physical Activity Framework and the Health agenda. Dan Carver, the regional Physical Activity Coordinator will be invited to present to board at the next meeting to initiate a focussed discussion on what the PAC role is designed to achieve over the next 12 months.
- 4.4 **Policy & Strategy:** John Wright provided board with an update on the Modelling Sustainability project.

- 4.5 **BSF:** The successful development of the BSF website was noted as was the forthcoming BSF Culture event to be held on 2nd November and an overview of the event will be provided in the director's report for the next meeting.
- 4.6 **Northern Way:** The board was informed of the positive outcome of the project and details of Phase III will be provided in early 2007.
- 4.7 **Illuminate:** The evaluation report for this project is in the final stages and the board will be provided with an overview of this work at a future meeting.
- 4.8 **IIFA / Bollywood:** It was noted a project director has been appointed to manage the delivery of the IIFA awards. An update of the project developments will be provided at a future board meeting.
- 4.9 **Yorkshire Committee for the 2012 Games:** Board noted the current position one month on from the Olympics update given in September 2006. Martin Havenhand will be invited to present a further update on the activities of the Committee in early 2007.

5. Finance Update

- 5.1 There were no variances to report for the period since the September board meeting.
- 5.1 Gary Topp advised board of the need to review the company's financial position at the December meet, in line with the current RCC Futures debate and forward business planning for 2007/08.

6. Yorkshire Culture / RCC Futures Work

- 6.1 Gary Topp introduced the paper on this important topic. The paper provides a critical and honest view of the current operating environment and the current state of play with our three key stakeholder groups. In effect the paper begins to lay out the major factors concerning the future business model and operating environments going forward.
- 6.2 The following key points were noted:
 - 6.2.1 The board expressed concern about the current political support for RCCs nationally and expressed concerns about future roles. A number of members expressed particular concern about their own future engagement.
 - 6.2.2 The board supported the proposal that a letter should be sent directly from the chair to the Secretary of State.
 - 6.2.3 The challenging financial environment was noted and recognised and the implications for the future discussed.
 - 6.2.4 The importance of the issue was noted and it was agreed to continue the dialogue at the next meeting.

7. AOB

- 7.1 There was no further business to report.

8. 2007 Meeting Dates and Venues

8.1 The following date and venue was confirmed for the final 2006 board meeting:

- Tuesday 12th December (Doncaster Dome)

Action & Decision Points

Paragraph 4.3 - Dan Carver, the regional Physical Activity Coordinator will be invited to present to board at the next meeting to initiate a focussed discussion on what the PAC role is designed to achieve over the next 12 months.

Paragraph 6.2.2 - A letter is to be drafted to Tessa Jowell of DCMS requesting a formal note responding to the board's enquiries re RCC future.