

BBWCVS ARTS & CULTURE FORUM



18th May 2005, Woodlands School

NOTES

Present:

Alan Morgan	Woodlands School
Alan Taylor	Basildon Philatelic Society
Jennifer Gannon	Books & Booze Readers
Celia Ebrahimi	Hilltop Infants School
Mike Peart	Basildon Theatre Company
Barbara Bowhill	Basildon Youth Service
Gina Stickings	Basildon Youth Service
Penny Keys	Essex Libraries
Paul Nagle	Basildon District Arts Association
Stephanie Parry	Cherry Tree Primary School
Peter Patterson	Basildon Arts Trust
Denise Gannon	BBWCVS (Chair)
Ann Coltman	Basildon Stitching Club
Charlie Mead	Basildon Philatelic Society
Sue Chapman	Basildon Stitching Club
Fiona Patterson	BBWCVS
Mike Beecher	Essex Youth Roadshow

Apologies:

Mike Harrington	START
Naomi Blakey	Basildon District Council
Jackie Brown	Interlock!
Fran Wilde	Local artist
Tracey Ridgewell	Basildon District Council
Debbie Rogan	Wickford CofE Infants School

In attendance:

Councillor Tony Headley	Basildon District Council
Graham Sandford	Basildon District Council

Presentation:

Cllr Headley gave a presentation on the possible provision of the Basildon Centre of Sporting Excellence and showed videos promoting the Olympic bid for 2012.

- Present sports and leisure facilities in Basildon need a great deal of money spent on them to bring them up to present day standards.
- Gloucester Park Pool needs replacement
- The development of the centre is not dependant on London winning the Olympic bid for 2012, but it may not be possible to implement the full option initially
- It is hoped to include arts facilities in the building. Feedback and ideas are welcome
- It was also hoped to include facilities for the Voluntary Sector

- Some space would be subsidised by the Council, but the centre would need to be financially viable
- There would be access to County services
- Public space would be available for display

A discussion took place on the use of the new facility for arts. The Forum will discuss ideas for the centre and submit suggestions.

The following points were raised with Cllr Headley after the presentation:

- Publication of events both locally and at the Towngate Theatre was difficult due to the demise of the Events Diary. Cllr Headley said this would be looked at again.

Notes of the last meeting

These were agreed as accurate.

Terms of Reference

Amended terms of reference were adopted, subject to the change of the date of the proposed arts and culture conference to Spring 2007.

Funding for Forum

Paul Nagle reported that he intends to look to the following possibilities of funding for the forum:

Lottery (Awards for All); Local Network Fund (Essex Community Foundation); Connexions; Basildon District Council. It would also be possible for the Forum to implement its own fundraising initiatives.

Conference/Taster Sessions

It is proposed that the Forum in partnership with BDAA put on Arts Taster Days for children and families across the District. This is to encourage residents (particularly younger residents) of the district to take up an interest in the arts. Wickford will have a taster day in the autumn of 2005 and Basildon and Billericay to have taster days in 2006. The taster days will lead into the Conference, which will be at the beginning of 2007.

Due to the over running of the presentation on Gloucester Park, it was decided that another meeting needs to be convened to plan the taster days. A date needs to be set for the Wickford day.

It was decided to meet on 22nd June to discuss ideas about the taster days.

Next Meetings:

Wednesday 22 nd June	7.30pm	Space (Roundacre Townhouse)
Tuesday 26 th July	7.30pm	TBA (possibly Bardfield School, Clay Hill Road, Basildon)
Wednesday 7 th September	7.30pm	Hilltop Infants School, Wickford