

Arts & Culture Forum

22nd March 2005

Wickford Church of England Infants School

NOTES

Present:

Paul Nagle	Basildon District Arts Association
Denise Gannon (Chair)	BBWCVS
Fiona Patterson	BBWCVS
Pat Newell	Len Wastell Infant School, Pitsea
Sue Chapman	Basildon Stitching Club/Essex Handicrafts Association
Ann Coltman	Basildon Philatelic Society/Basildon Stitching Club
Penny Keys	Basildon Library
Debbie Rogan	Wickford CofE Infants School
Gina Stickings	Essex County Youth Service – Basildon
Barbara Bowhill	Essex County Youth Service – Basildon
Graham Sandford	Basildon District Council/BAT
Alan Morgan	Woodlands School
Sue Randle	START
Mike Harrington	START
Celia Ebrahimi	Hilltop Infants School

Apologies:

Anne Whitehouse	Jingles
Lyn Corderoy	Grange Primary School
Moir Brock	La Danse Fantastique
Suzette Kuhn	Felmore Primary School
Jenny McCutchin	Fairhouse Junior School
Pauline McMillan	Oakfield Primary School
Jennifer Gannon	Books & Booze Readers
Tina Jeffree	3 rd Edge Theatre Company
Debbie Cook	BDAA
Steff Parry	Cherry Tree Primary School

Welcome & Introductions

Denise welcomed all present and everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes from the last meeting on 23rd February

The 'On the Wall' event is no longer taking place.

Terms of Reference

- Regarding discussions about a community notice board in the Library at the meeting on 23rd February, Penny Keys said that the Library have reinstated the community notice board near the computers.

- Graham Sandford, representing Basildon District Council, was asked about the possibility of a noticeboard in the Bas Centre. Graham thought that this was a good idea and recommended that FP contact Dave Wharnsby at the Council regarding this matter.

Action: FP

- It was decided at the meeting that the Forum aim should be reworded to say *arts and culture in all its diversity* is a vital ingredient.

Priorities

- To look at the date for the arts & culture conference and possible charge for attendance. Decision as to whether the conference should be 2006 or 2007 at the next meeting.
- BDAA to lead on getting list together of venues/studios/rehearsal spaces
- A list of funding opportunities can be found through FunderFinder or alternatively through Celia Ebrahimi at Hill Top Infants School
- Suggestions for Forum publicity included: putting an insert into District Diary, asking press to come to a meeting, through schools newsletters, SureStart and youth centres, on websites, through CVS
- Graham Sandford suggested that the Forum could feed into the plans for the Basildon Festival Art Gallery on 25 & 26th July.
- To investigate the possibility of Creative Partnerships funding a survey for younger people. Peter Patterson to be approached.

Action: FP

- The possibility of encouraging younger people onto this Forum will be explored.
- Explore the possibility of having an arts taster session in Wickford, Billericay and Basildon

Further Actions

- Invite Councillor Hedley along to the next meeting of the Forum to talk about the Gloucester Park Centre for Excellence Development

Action: FP

- All to think about who can be added to the database of groups and individuals involved in arts and culture as well as premises in the district.

Action: All

- BDAA to begin investigating funding

Action: PN

- Explore the Wickford Taster Day more fully
- Liaise with the library re: database

Action: FP

- Work on venue database – to include: costs, size, facilities, restrictions, availability, entertainment, licenses etc. BDAA to lead on database

Action: PN

- Database form to be included in minutes

Action: DG

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 18th May 2005, 7pm, Venue to be confirmed (Possibly Woodlands School).