

Bristol Legacy Commission.

MINUTES.

25th July 2011, 6:00pm.

The Council House.

Present: Paul Stephenson(PS), Ibrahim Seaga Shaw(ISS), Marvin Rees(MR), Cllr Peter Hammond(PH), Di Robinson(DR), Ian Quaife(IQ), Ras D Judah(RDJ), Barbara Brown(BB), Marie Hackett(MH), Cllr Guy Poultney(GP), Marie-Annick Gournet(MAG), Cherene Whitfield(CW), Bev Douglas(BD), Latif Ismail(LI), Cllr Jay Jethwa(JJ).

Apologies: Cannon Tim Higgins(TH), Princess Campbell(PC).

Chair: Paul Stephenson.

Minutes: Phil Gingell.

Meeting commenced 6:15pm.

	ACTIONS
<p>1. Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>Those present introduced themselves.</p> <p>BB advised she had been with fire service since 2000. Current role, Head of Equality, Diversity and Community Safety. Also works nationally on rationalising strategy. Background is law and social work.</p> <p>LI is current Chair of Somali Forum. Forum in existence for around 2 years and is both umbrella organisation for Somali groups in Bristol and a voice for the community. Also runs Transparency Research, which does social policy research, mainly in conflict zones.</p> <p>ISS is relocating to Newcastle on 1st September to take up new post at the university there. Will be stepping down from commission. ISS has found last 3 years exciting and valuable and wishes commission well for future. Also offered</p>	

to assist in any way he could in the North East.

PS thanked ISS for his work with commission and wished him well for the future.

PH congratulated ISS on his extremely important work within African community in Bristol.

PH is please to be back working with commission and offers his full support.

GP is also pleased and honoured to be joining commission. Academic background is in law, politics and international relations. Currently Executive Member for Neighbourhoods Executive.

2. Minutes of last meeting

It was agreed the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting on 9th May 2011.

3. Matters arising

Page 3, M-shed. MR clarified he would like to see Bristol's radical, rebellious history reflected in exhibition. This is important part of cities inheritance.

MAG also clarified importance of taking holistic approach to story of slavery.

MR also pointed out he referred to heroes to illustrate previous point. People from different communities recognising similar struggles in other cultures.

Page 1, BME Elders Group. CW confirmed Penny Germon, Neighbourhood Manager, was looking at venues, Linkage for example. CW to report to commission at next meeting.

Page 2, Future governance options. CW confirmed consultation had not yet

CW to report back to commission.

begun. Consultant would speak with commission in due course.

Page 5, Previous meeting minutes. MAG would like to ask councillors to make sure they organise a substitute if they are unable to attend a meeting. GP enquired whether the Green Party were to be represented. CW confirmed, to her knowledge, the fourth party had never been represented. Possibly they should be invited.

Page 5, BLC independence. DR/CW to draw up time line following consultation. Hope is to look at this early 2012.

JJ arrived at this point and apologised for her lateness. JJ had attended a prior meeting, had been delayed and was unable to make contact with anyone.

4. Commissioner up-dates

BD attended Somali awareness training day in Old Market. Very useful and encouraging. BD feels other members of group would find training of interest. Arranged by Somali Development Group.

RDJ heading up project around 50th anniversary of Jamaican and Trinidadian independence.

MR looking to make Bristol centre for development of international leaders. University of Bristol and UWE involved in putting together 6 month programme targeted at 17 year olds. Looking for high achieving and aspirational people from lower socio-economic groups. Working group, MR, MAG, Prof' Leroy White, Madeleine Vaughan, Leon Tickly, John Savage and Tracey Jollif, set up. Next meeting on 26th July. Aim is to launch pilot scheme in January 2012.

GP enquired whether there could be a tie in with Bristol's Green Capital initiative? MR thought so, in due course, perhaps

CW to speak with Greens.

through the distinguished speaker series.

Various universities, including Yale in the USA, are potential institutions who could intake students from 'Bristol Leadership' programme once they have completed the course.

DR/TH looking at supporting potential leaders. TH will present paper to next meeting. BB may be able to assist with project.

MR believes leadership programmes could leave lasting legacy for city.

PH feels it would be worthwhile looking at faith leaders in Bristol, who might have wider leadership potential. LI feels people who can forge links between different communities should also be supported.

ISS asked whether commission might, in some way, become involved in Olympic Games. Members of the Kenyan team will be based in Bristol. RDJ believes the council should be taking the lead on this and would be the initial point of contact.

5. Presentation-Vivid Bid Writing Service

Halina Pasiiecznik and Helen Bone from Vivid Regeneration gave overview of work commissioned by BLC.

The 6 organisations involved need to develop their business' in various ways. Until these structures are in place, there is little point in writing bids. It is very difficult to fund raise for this type of work, which is essential if the organisations are to succeed.

The organisations have found the process useful, even when bids have failed. Lessons learnt can be a help when making further applications.

Small groups, who do not have a track

TH to present paper on supporting leaders.

record, are finding it hard to attract funding. The council, together with VOSCUR, are consulting on funding and Vivid will want to feed into this.

These problems are to be found across the board and are not unique to BME groups. Partnership working with other VCSE organisations might be one answer. Finding more people with the appropriate leadership skills to join groups, in a governance role, is another. Too much reliance on volunteers and more paid staff required. Possibly bring groups, funded by BLC, together to feedback and network. BD advised this had been done, but in a different format.

VCSE groups, in general, seem happy with support from infrastructure organisations. There is, however, little specific funding available for business development work.

In response to query from JJ, BD confirmed these 6 groups had successfully bid for funding previously. However the work carried out by Vivid was designed to make the groups more sustainable.

GP will enquire of Jim Cliffe whether the Community Infrastructure Levy might be used to fund back office support for VCSE groups.

The NHS co-ordinator in Lockleaze has been very helpful in relation to supporting VCSE sector in area. Vivid too have found this so and these links are very important.

Ph raised several queries. Are BME lead groups disadvantaged because of a lack of people with the appropriate skills within that community? Is there a cultural barrier to asking for, and getting, support from outside the community? Do VOSCUR have the resources to do this work? How can those people within the

GP to discuss with Jim Cliffe.

BME community, with relevant skills, be encouraged to become involved? Could the BDA assist? As the council commission specific pieces of work, rather than fund infrastructure costs, could a small number of groups be developed to offer this service?

ISS believes there are people within the BME community with the appropriate skills. They need to be empowered and supported. Commission need to ensure VOSCUR reach out to these communities so as to encourage and enable these people to become involved.

DR feels council need to look back at how they funded/commissioned previously. Learn from any mistakes made and be more targeted and innovative. Ensure the smaller VCSE groups are involved. A lot of research was carried out as part of the infrastructure commissioning process. DR will look at this and bring any relevant information back to commission.

PS stressed importance of having strong links with VOSCUR.

DR offered to put together a scoping document, which will help commission plan actions it needs to take to tackle difficulties highlighted. Also consider a meeting between commissioners and community development workers.

PH feels nature of VOSCUR's commission needs to be factored into any actions taken by commission.

6. Chairs report

PH declared interest as director of BCFM.

Page 4, BME apprentices. MAG queried whether the appointment of one apprentice would really challenge the culture of under representation? CW thought the initiative would strengthen the links between BCFM and Ujima. Also

DR to check research.

DR to put together scoping document.

12 apprentices across the various cultural institutions was certainly positive. MR asked whether commission could challenge BBC/ITV to become involved. Also important that apprentice was fully involved in day to day operations and there was some value in placement. CW advised this would be carefully monitored. Apprentice should be in post by September. 2 year placement, funded by council (£5,000) and commission (£10,000).

PH for BCFM and MAG for Ujima will report on apprentices progress.

Commissioners agreed to fund programme, conditional on feedback from apprentice being positive.

For information PH advised Community Safety & Community Cohesion and CYP Scrutiny Commissions are doing work on young peoples aspirations. It is hoped Gus John will be involved in this piece of work.

Following movement of many people from Somalia, LI will be contacting commission to ask for ideas around fund raising for families left behind.

PS thanked all for attending. Remainder of agenda deferred to next meeting.

7. Date of next meeting

Monday 19th September 2011, 6:00pm in The Council House.

PH/MAG to monitor and report on apprentice.

LI to contact commission.