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<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bristol Legacy Commission	9/05/2011	18:00-20.00	Council House, College Green
Attendees			
Marie-Annick Gournet (MAG), Marie Hackett, (MH), Cannon Tim Higgins (TH), Helen Holland (HH), Ras D Judah (RJ), Jay Jethwa (JJ), Marvin Rees (MR), Ibrahim Seaga Shaw (IS), Paul Stephenson (PS)			
BCC: Gillian Douglas (GD), Di Robinson (DR) Cherene Whitfield (CW),			
Apologies		CC	
Bev Douglas (BD), Princess Campbell (PC), Cllr Barbara Janke (BJ),			

Agenda Items

1. Previous Meeting minutes 21/03/2011
2. Matters Arising
3. Chair's Report
4. M-shed Legacy tables content / themes (Sue Giles, M-shed curator) 30 minutes
5. BCC Community Investment Strategy consultation (Gillian Douglas) 30 minutes
6. A.O.B

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1	Previous meeting minutes 21/03/2011 agreed and noted.	
2	<p>Malcolm X Elders BD, PS, BP and CW met with Malcolm X centre manager and board member to discuss how the grant awarded by the BLC to the Elders was spent. Both the centre manager and board rep confirmed they would take the necessary steps to clarify governance and financial arrangements between the elders and the centre.</p> <p>Sustainability of BME elder groups A meeting is scheduled to take place to address sustainability of BME elder groups in Bristol.</p> <p>Bristol City Council Elections Council elections for May have taken place, all political party</p>	

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	<p>representatives should send a substitute if they are unable to attend commission meetings.</p> <p>BME Voice and Influence VCS</p> <p>A steering group is being set up and will oversee the work of a consultant who will be employed to research appropriate voice and influence models for VCS organisations in Bristol. An open meeting will take place to provide groups with information about VOSCUR's new role in Bristol and to enlist potential steering group members.</p> <p>Health and Social Care</p> <p>Consultations are taking place across the city to provide citizens with information about the impending changes to Health and Social care Service provision. These consultations have been delayed due to local elections however, the BLC are keen to further engage this department to ensure all ethnic minority voices are heard with respect to these changes.</p> <p>Budget</p> <p>This years budget spend should take account of there not being commitment by the council to continue funding the commission next year 2012/2013. We need to consider when devising budget streams for this year whether some money should be ring fenced.</p> <p>Bristol Leadership Programme (BLP)</p> <p>More work is needed to address the concept of a Bristol Leadership programme and its scope. MR will be working with Bristol University to draw up a brief. Di Robinson and Tim Higgins will be drafting a similar brief for community leadership programme. Meetings will take place and proposals will come back to the commission for comments and approval.</p> <p>Housekeeping</p> <p>BLC now sits in the Neighbourhoods and Communities Directorate of Bristol City Council, based in Brunel House. Paul Stephenson, and Bev Douglas will be meeting with Di Robinson once a month to talk about strategy, and Gillian Douglas twice a month to discuss operational matters.</p> <p>BLC Terms of Reference and Partnership agreement</p> <p>Our current Terms of Reference and Partnership agreement needs to be updated and will be brought back to the next commission meeting for consideration.</p> <p>Future governance options</p> <p>More work needs to be done to co-opt community commissioners before we become independent next year. A consultation with communities will need to take place over the next few months to inform what our organisation will look like.</p> <p>Trevor Philips</p> <p>Trevor Philips gave a talk at the Watershed in Bristol with a focus on inequality trends in Britain, and is available on Podcast.</p>	
4	<p>M-shed Legacy tables content / themes (Sue Giles, M-shed curator)</p> <p>Sue Giles is curator for the new M-shed museum that will open in Bristol on the 16th June 2011. The Museum will document Bristol's involvement in the transatlantic slave trade and how the past colonial event have shaped Bristol today, and has come to speak with the commission about their thoughts today.</p>	

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	<p>Sue Giles would like the commission to help with the development of a Legacy table within the museum. The initial idea is that there would be 6-9 small objects and would accompany economic or creative thought provoking statements. An idea of having touch screens which would have stories told about Africa, the Caribbean would be associated with racism when applying for housing, promotions, jobs, identity and how people feel about themselves; all of which could be displayed through interviews or even film clips. Sue would like ideas on other potential content themes that could be used and represents the legacy of slavery for the touch screens in particular.</p> <p>IS enquired whether or not Sue had contacted United Nations Educational and Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) they could provide useful materials for the project. He suggested that there needed to be more emphasis on the positive contributions that slavery provided such as food, clothes and languages and these should be related back to the present day.</p> <p>MAG stressed importance of taking holistic approach to story of slavery. A constant repeat of the story being told, this poses a question: How do you tell the existing story of the slave trade in a way that it engages with all?</p> <p>The psychological aspects of the slave trade also need to be considered as well as the mental state. RJ suggests that religion should also be a focal point; historically religion played an important an influential role in maintaining the beliefs of slavers.</p> <p>MR believes that there should be a space to highlight present day facts as well as looking at the rebellious parts of history which worked towards freedom (abolitionists). Wants to see Bristol's radical, rebellious history reflected in exhibition. This is important part of cities heritage.</p> <p>All agree that there should be some new information given which could have a positive approach with an outcome and shows community cohesion, diversity and positive participation. There was also a concern to address black victim hood and white guilt within the new museum without causing conflict or confusion. MR thinks that there also needed to be recognition of hero's that probably haven't been centre point in recent years (individuals in Ireland who wrote books about the civil rights movement) for example. People from different communities recognizing struggles in other cultures.</p> <p>All acknowledged the events that have happened in places such as Jamaica and Haiti with slave revolution and fights towards freedom they believed could be addressed in the museum at a later date. This along with mutual struggles of other oppressed groups (Feminist movements etc) that conflicted or supported the slave revolution at the same time. MR describes using Fredrick Douglas to portray a relationship of a dual heritage and who was for and against slavery and supported many other movements that occurred during that time.</p> <p>Sue Giles confirmed the project will be interchanging and continuously developed with many of the ideas presented today. She is hopeful that BLC contributions could help move the museum in the right direction.</p> <p>Sue will try to put the BLC on a guest list so that they could preview the museum before its official opening.</p> <p>DR would like a package compiled that would replicate what is going on in</p>	

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	Bristol today to combat present day slavery to be on shown in the M-shed. This would allow exposure to communities and neighborhoods.	
5	BCC Community Investment Strategy consultation (Gillian Douglas)	
	<p>GD from Neighbourhoods, Equalities and Social Inclusion speaks to the commission about the draft community investment strategy that has been proposed.</p> <p>A strategy set out to show how BCC will use their Neighbourhoods and Communities investment budget over the next three years 2012-2015. The strategy will fund local voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations. The presupposed budget is based around the community investment budget of £2,057,500 for 2012/13. Over £1m is being used to fund community advice services and VCS infrastructure support services which have been consulted on and commissioned.</p> <p>The other £1m will be used for grant funding. There is no scope for capital funding.</p> <p>£82,500 is to fund community voice and influence, the council will continue to work with existing forums (Race Forum, Women's Forum etc)</p> <p>£75,000 proposed to fund services to support victims of discrimination through a commissioned process in 2012- this is being done due to the equalities act, trying to create level playing field. SARI is currently supplying this service on the councils behalf.</p> <p>£55,000 to commission community cohesion activities – this much is being allocated in order to reduce hate crimes. Encouraging working collectively as a community, which would lessen tensions.</p> <p>Within this application process no pre existing group will be safeguarded and funds will be released on the basis of delivery outcomes and sustainability so, there will be a bidding process.</p> <p>Small grants are important and will also be available for small groups that are volunteering within the community and also for small businesses with big initiatives. The bidding process will begin in the Autumn.</p> <p>There were a few concerns of where the target groups were coming from as the draft suggests there would be a focus on disadvantaged people and/or communities. GD explains that the target group would be based on the needs of the people as opposed to a particular thing and therefore would apply to deprived communities or disadvantaged people the idea is that money would be invested in trying to create a balance. This includes all groups who are disadvantaged incl. race, homosexuality etc.</p> <p>CW asked whether the Cenus results would be available? GD explained other statistical evidence such as Quality of Life data etc. that could be used as a basis for evidence.</p> <p>GD explained that small grants would be accessed through a different set of criteria; lager groups will be subject to more stringent checks using the councils procurement system. Small grants will be capped. Groups can go to VOSCUR and seek advice on how to get onto the council (BEPS) system to enable them to apply. GD confirmed VOSCUR are the main</p>	

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	<p>provider of infrastructure support services in Bristol, and groups could help seek their support with any commissioning issues.</p> <p>In order for funding to be allocated an organisation must meet certain specifications e.g (health and safety, insurance) in order that funding is given to the right people and who can deliver.</p> <p>The commission believe the set of criteria used to assess funding feasibility is too stringent and bureaucratic.</p> <p>GD confirmed that groups would be awarded funding for 3 years and has a 3-year service level agreement with the council.</p> <p>Communication to groups will be cascaded through networks, and the BLC could help support this. The BCC are investing in a user friendly website, which should help them apply but there will also be a process for groups who do not use computer (paper based).</p> <p>The group have a lengthy conversation about how to release funds fairly and how much money is enough to enable organisations to become sustainable.</p>	
6	<p>Previous meeting minutes</p> <p>JJ would like some clarification on the absentism process for meetings, and would like to confirm she was unable to attend the last meeting due to another commitment.</p> <p>CW confirmed that the constitution asks that commissioners who do not attend 3 consecutive meetings send a substitute.</p> <p>BLP</p> <p>The development of the BLP is being overseen by a steering group of community individuals; Tracey Jollif, John Savage, Leon Tickly.</p> <p>PS advised the Jamaican High commissioner plans to visit Bristol.</p> <p>A BLP options paper to go to come back to the commission when drafted.</p> <p>Bristol Legacy Commission independence</p> <p>DR and CW to have a meeting to draw up a timeline and milestones to support the commission's transition to independent status.</p> <p>The BLC commented on the continuation of giving money to groups, if they became independent and whether it should be part of its remit. CW advised that she did not think an organisation like the Big Lottery for example would fund the BLC so it could award funding to groups.</p> <p>CW advised she would be speaking with the council legal department to get some advice on options for an independence status, and would ask them to attend a future commission meeting to explain more.</p> <p>CW advised she would still like some recommendations on who should be co-opted to the BLC, and should send nominations to her. Shabir Zaheer (Chair, Building the Bridge) has advised he is too busy, and will speak with Latif Ismail (Chair, Bristol Somali Forum) about his interest.</p>	

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	<p>VOSCUR Voice and Influence within the voluntary sector</p> <p>CW asked for a representative to sit on the steering group to represent the commission. MR and PS have volunteered to attend on the commission's behalf.</p>	