

Minutes for Meeting: Board Meeting

Date: 15th December 2015

Minute Taker: Katy Saunderson

Chair: Karen Sheader

Present: George Wallace, Pauline Heath, Irene Robson, Geof Armstrong,

Apologies: _____

Who	When
GA	<p>Minutes of last meeting: Matters Arising</p> <p>The projects noted are still on hold at this time but there are plans to revisit them in the future.</p> <p>We are now in a position to revisit the option of taking up the Sage accounting system and associated training which we will look at in the new year.</p> <p>Transport policy is still outstanding, though essential parts are covered in our safeguarding policy. To be revisited in the coming weeks.</p> <p>GA has contacted ACE with regards to funding opportunities and is awaiting their response.</p> <p>Halloween was a great success, we were very busy and everyone had a fantastic time.</p>

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KSa	<p>Quarter 2 Accounts</p> <p>Presented Q2 accounts to the board with no areas of concern to note.</p>
All	<p>Agreed accounts.</p>
GA/KSa	<p>Budget</p> <p>Presented budget to board. Some revisions for the current financial year were unavoidable due to the impact of BW's actions on the organisations income.</p> <p>The following two financial years are also budgeted for and notably include the employment of a young apprentice and a trainee who a funding bid is currently out for.</p> <p>Notably a new PA service and Saturday Club are included in the forward planning due to demand that seems to be out there.</p>
KSa	<p>Fire Inspection</p> <p>Our recent fire inspection flagged up some areas that we need to look into. Most notably that the use of havens is no longer recommended. It is the duty of the staff first and foremost to get people out of the building. This has implications for disabled people that we need to consider.</p> <p>Look into purchasing a fire evacuation chair. Follow up visit due in February.</p>

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GA	<p data-bbox="353 185 882 228">Block Party 29/01/16</p> <p data-bbox="353 236 2033 331">Broadacre, Bambrugh & CUH to hoast an open studio exhibition event that we are involved in. We are exploring Portraits as our theme.</p> <p data-bbox="353 395 528 438">ICEbox</p> <p data-bbox="353 446 2092 646">We have a funding application currently in for a further 2 years. The age bracket is currently 13-19, many of our members are closer to the upper age limit and would like us to increase the age limit up to 21. We are reluctant to do as the 13-21 age gap is problematic.</p> <p data-bbox="353 710 902 753">Tyne & Wear Museums</p> <p data-bbox="353 761 1854 804">Would like to include ICEbox members in a project looking at policies.</p> <p data-bbox="353 868 974 911">Newcastle Central Library</p> <p data-bbox="353 919 2092 1015">Running a Shakespeare project with Arts Council England that they would like us to participate in.</p> <p data-bbox="353 1078 685 1121">Apprenticeship.</p> <p data-bbox="353 1129 1975 1225">We expect to hear in January if we have been successful in our funding application and would hope to start our first apprentice trainee in February.</p> <p data-bbox="353 1233 2078 1329">Another young person we hope to work with we have budgeted to start with the organisation in April.</p> <p data-bbox="353 1337 1888 1380">This will provide us with much needed PA's thus freeing Geof's time up.</p>

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	<p>Kids Club To run on a Saturday PM. The original plan was to provide something for 6-12 year olds but we have been met with a demand for a quieter club for those teenagers who struggle with the pace and volume of the ICEbox.</p> <p>Heritage Lottery Fund Are very keen to work with us, we are looking at the possibility of creating a graphic novel.</p> <p>PAN Disability Meeting There doesn't seem to have been a significant change in the state of the arts in terms of access & representation of disabled people. There has been a major change in the attitudes of young artists. GA has been in touch with Disability Arts online & will meet again next year. It seems that lots of young people use it as a job source but do not contribute artistically or seem to be connected to the arts movement. NADACA have ACE funding to permanently house collection. Cultural Model/Manifesto of Cultural Care/Disability – we want to work on this and use it as a tag to reach and engage people. Arts is becoming increasingly intertwined with care. Organisations are seeing an opportunity and we want to make sure that they are providing a valuable experience. It is time to challenge the social model and to provide a cultural model and the way that it is applied. People need help to engage with their 'disability culture.' Need to dictate the</p>

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	<p>Terms as disabled people, that gives them choices and allows them to express themselves. Protecting their heritage and cultural identity of they so choose. Degenerative conditions, chronic pain, learning disabilities – will not go away with the social model.</p> <p>There is a need to get something out on a national level. That underlines cultural issues and ensures disabled people are involved in the process.</p> <p>We currently have this down for April, we have asked ICEbox to reflect on and advise what they want from disabled people.</p>
KSh	Involving young people is good as it will shake up the usual faces & outcomes.
GA	Will also get the HUB to contribute.
	<p>Board Members</p>
GA	Considering inviting members of HUB/ICEbox to join.
KSa	Has some concerns over the inviting HUB/ICE members, particularly their capacity to fully understand issues they ultimately would have culpability for.
KSh	Check guidelines for capacity with the Charity Commission.
GA	Perhaps look at inviting members in an advisory role.
KSh	KSh has received communication from the Charity Commission advising she is to

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	stand down from the board due to a IVA she has taken up. She has advised GA and suggested an appeal be made.
GA	KSh has been involved with the organisation from the very beginning and is an irreplaceable source of information. There is no fraudulent activity or foul play in this case so we need to appeal and are hopeful that we will be able to retain KSh as a member.
All	Agree collectively that this should be done.
GA	Has contacted the CC with and advised of his intention to appeal.
GA & KSh	To meet to compose appeal.
GA	<p>Micro-parks/Guerilla Gardening Project Looking for funding and to take this up in the coming months.</p>
KSa	<p>Big Staff Meeting Planning meeting to be held in January.</p>
All	<p>AGM Agree next AGM to be held on 27/01/16 at 18:15.</p>
All	<p>AOB None</p>

