

Minutes of CMPCA Management Committee Meeting 6 October 2009

Present

Tony Bailey, Richard Brown, , Judy Bow, Jane Gray, Adam Jones (Chair), Aidan Lunn, Pauline Messum, Steve Pavey, John Riddington, Philippa Sankey, Nick von Tunzelmann.

Apologies

Corinne Attwood, Ali Brownlie Bojang, Peter Freeman, Duncan Wells.

1. Conflict of interest

Adam Jones gave notice of an interest in the Royal Alexandra Hospital development.

2. Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 1st September 2009

The minutes were held over for consideration at the next meeting on 3rd November

3. The Royal Alexandra Hospital site development (John Riddington took the Chair)

Richard Brown presented a written report prepared by Peter Freeman on a meeting they both attended with Jo Thompson, Major Projects Officer, Planning Strategy and Projects, City Council, where the CMPCA's views on the matter were presented. Her colleague Gill Thompson (Design and Conservation, City Planning) is preparing a planning brief with five options from complete demolition to complete retention which will be costed first by the District Valuer. The Draft planning brief will be available for public consultation at an exhibition in Hove Town Hall and online from 24 October for one week. It is then planned that the final report will be completed by 25 November, be noted by the Planning Committee on 14 December with a decision being made by Cabinet on 17 December. In noting the report, the Committee agreed that nothing further could be done at this stage other than to encourage members of the local community to participate in the consultation and to give feedback on the draft planning brief.

4. Web site development

John Riddington reported that a conditional offer of funding for developing the website had been received from the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All scheme. The Committee noted that Awards for All had placed an embargo on publicity until they gave specific authorisation. The Committee gave detailed consideration to the grant offer and the outline plan for the development and operation of the website. It was agreed that the proposals were both feasible and desirable. The grant was sufficient to cover all expenditure in the development period, but ongoing expenses for site hosting and an optional contract for maintenance and technical support would have to be borne by the CMPCA, this would cost £360 p.a. The Committee approved acceptance of the grant and authorised the following web team to prepare a development plan for submission to the next meeting: John Riddington, Tony Bailey, Judy Bow, and Steve Pavey. It was agreed that publicity, once approved, would include a presentation by the web designer at a Community Meeting and an article in the Newsletter.

5. Festival report

Philippa Sankey and Steve Pavey jointly reported on a meeting of the Festival Team. Income from ticket sales and bar takings had exceeded forecasts. Consequently it was recommended and approved that each church should receive £650 with a balance of approximately £750 being ring fenced for the next festival. It was agreed that a festival should be planned for next July and that the Festival Team's recommendations for a broader programme including drama and other music genre should be accepted. The Committee considered changing the date to distance it further from the Brighton Festival. However, the Festival Team had considered other dates and concluded July was probably still the best option.

6. Christmas

It was agreed not to hold a Christmas party this year, but to consider holding some event in January or February.

7. Bank Account

It was agreed to consult the Treasurer about the possibility of transferring the account to the Cooperative Bank.

8. Next meeting Tuesday 3rd November 8.00pm 11 Powis Square