
Meeting Notes Steering Group No 5

Fifth Steering Group meeting – 14.30 Wednesday 22nd June 2011
Creative Media Centre, 45 Robertson Street, Hastings

Present: Heather Cooper (UoB), Ceri Davies (UoB), Keith Gillies (NWA), Fran McKeown (HVA) Frank Rallings (UoB), Nick Wates (NWA).

Apologies: Peter Ambrose (UoB), Samer Bagaeen (UoB), Jane Jackson (HBC), Sarah Friend (UoB).

1. Introductions

Heather Cooper, who works at the Hastings Campus library, stood in for Sarah Friend

2. Notes of meeting on 22nd April 2011

No points of objection were raised to the Note circulated.

3. Revised Business Plan

Nick reported that several people had suggested amendments to the draft business plan circulated. A wide ranging discussion identified the following points which could be incorporated:

- Corporate memory / collective memory – much will be lost as key figures involved in regeneration depart / retire / die. At risk of losing files and people's memories. Oral history might be useful component – e.g. Bexhill Voices. Community history student – Nicola Smith mentioned.
- Resource needs to reflect key phases of regeneration / development in Hastings - a timeline / historical timeframe would be helpful. E.G. SRB early 1990s; Phase 1 priority should be 1990 to present. Then post war. Then heritage.
- Rationale needed for 'what's in and what's out'. Test might be 'looking forward – what will be needed most?'
- Focus should be on digital archive. Rationale for physical archive needs to be thought through more clearly. Similarities with Tressell Collection and Chess Library.
- Digitising companies – get quotes.
- Include office rent for HVA in budgeting.
- More on what has been offered i.e. specific archives and some estimate of the amount of material that might be available.
- Resource will be able to save people a lot of time and therefore money. More needed on practical uses of the resource.
- More needed on policy context – e.g. greenway - 1000 people will know instead of 100.
- Build in event/s to programme.
- Detailed referencing. How is this going to be done?

Action: Fran to supply rent figures. Nick to circulate a revised draft of the Business Plan including as much as possible of the above.

4. Project website documentation.

Everyone encouraged to look at this and feedback any comments. See www.communityplanning.net/Hastings/

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5. Funding sources

Glyn Carter/ Mel Bonney-Kane recommended.

Consider Heritage lottery fund

Nick had no response from Dave Wolff re request to find out more about the ESRC Regeneration bid.

Action: Nick to liaise with Dave Wolff / Peter Ambrose re Regeneration bid.

6. RTPA Awards

Samer keen to include HCPR as part of an application from the Planning School. Agreed that next year likely to be better from our point of view.

7. Next meeting:

Wednesday 7 September, 11.00 to 13.00, Creative Media Centre, 45 Robertson Street, Hastings TN34 1HL