



Board of Trustees

30 October 2010
Leeds Civic Trust

MINUTES

Paula Ridley (Chair)
Freddie Gick
Carl Carrington
David Lovie
Helen Marcus
Martin Meredith
David Tittle
John Walker

Tony Burton (Director)
Ian Harvey (Co-ordinator)

1. Welcome and apologies

Paula welcomed everyone to the meeting, including the awayday to discuss the best way to make Civic Voice more sustainable. She thanked Leeds Civic Trust for its hospitality.

There were apologies from Neil Sinden.

2. Appointment of trustee

Paula nominated Carl Carrington (Blackpool Civic Trust & York Civic Trust) as a replacement trustee to serve until the 2011 AGM. This was agreed unanimously. Carl was next in line in the ballot of civic societies conducted to establish the Board.

3. Towards a sustainable Civic Voice – awayday

The meeting broke for an awayday discussion. This began with a presentation from Leeds Civic Trust on its achievements and approach and continued with discussions about:

- The lessons from the first few months of Civic Voice
- Alternative models for developing Civic Voice
- Different funding options and discussion of alternative fees structure
- The role of volunteers working at a level beyond any individual civic society

4. Minutes of meeting of 14 September 2010

The September Minutes were signed.

5. Director's report

Tony reported on a wide range of activity since the September meeting, including a successful first AGM. He updated the Board on the implications of the Spending Review, especially for English Heritage and CABE. He alerted the Board to the likelihood of delivering Heritage Open Days being put out to tender by English Heritage imminently and it was agreed Tony should liaise with Paula and work with the National Trust and Heritage Alliance in responding. Trustees welcomed the proposed application for a studentship to investigate the history of the civic movement which would begin in Autumn 2011 if successful. The Board also welcomed moves towards Civic Voice's involvement in the national tree planting campaign due to be launched in early December.

6. Financial update

Martin presented the Management Accounts and it was agreed to provide an expected out-turn as part of the regular management information.

7. Success measures

The latest performance against the agreed success measures was circulated.

8. Future meetings

The following dates were agreed for Board meetings in 2011 – alternating between London and Birmingham with a view to also responding to invitations from civic societies to host meetings in their area.

- January 27
- April 7
- June 9
- September 8
- November 8

9. Any Other Business

There was no AOB.