



MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD AT THE ATHENAEUM
7 September 2006 at 17:30

Present: Brenda Murray (Liverpool History Society), Eileen Willshaw (Liverpool Culture Company) Susan Spibey (Merseyside Civic Society) Florence Gersten (Save Our City) Rob Ainsworth (Galkoff's Kosher Butcher's)

Apologies : Andrew Pearce - Chairman, Kevin Bargaen, Secretary, Michael Corfe, J Crosley H Burrage J McCann.

1. **Minutes of last Steering Group meeting accepted.**
2. **Kevin Bargaen** emailed Andrew with the following: *He can give a short presentation at the November plenary meeting hopefully with some of The Travelling People and if free on the selected date, **on Liverpool and its folk music over the past 40 years** and if the Town Hall room becomes available Kevin can also provide talks on (a) **Liverpool Sea Music** (b) **A Short History of Cunard.***
3. **Monthly Lectures/Talks at the Town Hall:** Graham Boxer is still negotiating the use of a room in the Town Hall for lectures. There is also the offer of a room at the Liner Hotel
4. **History Societies Report** (Not discussed)
5. **Archaeology Societies Reports** (Not discussed)
6. **Performing Arts Societies Report** (Not discussed)
7. **Architecture Societies Report:** **Fred O'Brien** and **Andrew** will work up a proposal or options for proposals for something to mark the site of the Castle. This may include a display in the Observatory if Vision are willing. **Eileen** explained the Channel 4 Time Team are discussing the possibility of undertaking a part excavation of Liverpool Castle.
8. **Fine Arts Societies Reports:** As Above
9. **Information Displays and Promotion:** (Not discussed)
10. **Other Projects and Events:** (Not discussed)
11. **Item 12 on the agenda LHF Website:** Currently being worked on although further content is required. **Rob Ainsworth** explained he has offered Andrew assistance to complete input of the new LHF web site content and Andrew has previously explained that Brenda has kindly taken the lead in this, with help from Jo McCann and the history societies.

12. Date of Plenary meeting: 21st September 2006

13. **Matters arising** : Covered at this meeting. **Copies of Andrew's email** of the 7 September 06 were made available to attendees and the matters contained within it were *mentioned* *Andrew has continued to push for a draft City Council heritage strategy to be published this year for public comment. Such a strategy would "embed" a care for heritage in the Council's decision making.* Andrew asked "*whether we have received a report back from John Murden on using the BBC big screen?*" Unable to find out the information at the meeting.
14. **Andrew also mentioned** in his email "*It will be necessary to fix/confirm further steering group meetings. There was a preference for a 5.30 start, which, as far as the Athenaeum is concerned, means meeting on a Thursday.* also "*Culture Company to make a list of what the "legacy" of 2007/8 will be. Could the SG start a list. Legacy means things done for the two years which will still be there to be enjoyed thereafter*" was mentioned to Eileen.
15. **Brenda Murray** discussed the possibility of inviting Lord Derby to become involved with Capital of Culture and LHF. Brenda offered to follow up contacting him.
16. **Rob Ainsworth** mentioned he would like to extend the services and assistance LHF offer to participating societies and would like to create a listing of web sites societies and groups may have set up. Rob also offered to provide basic training to societies on the creation and management of web sites. It was also agreed Rob would contact all LHF societies and groups asking them to provide their web site information and a paragraph or two on their aims, membership and contact details. Eileen Willshaw offered to enquire whether Liverpool Culture Company would provide formal web site creation and management training to societies. Rob also raised the issue that performance groups appear to be under represented.
17. **Eileen Willshaw** discussed the forthcoming education and visitor facilities that will become available from 23 April 2007 at the refurbished St Georges and the hall will be open on a daily basis. Hall also tours of St GH and law courts including Grand Jury room. There will also be a permanent display relating to world and local heritage sites. The possible redevelopment of St Luke's church was mentioned. Rob Ainsworth raised his concerns that the church should remain as a monument to the May1940 blitz and any redevelopment should be considered very carefully as there are a number of sites around the city centre that should be considered before this important and unique monument to WW2 undergoes any unnecessary and inconsiderate redevelopment. Eileen also mentioned she now attends the monthly LCC Heritage Scrutiny Committee to explain Culture Company roll. It was mentioned that Jason Harborow should be invited to talk to the LHF and provide a program update.

18. **Susan Spibey** asked what is happening with regard to the LHF brochure.

Meeting ended approximately 19:50

Steering Group: Kevin Bargaen, Peter Brown, Mike Brian, Hilary Burrage, Mike Chitty, Mike Corfe, Joe Crossley, Ian Harvey, James Mansell, Jo McCann, Jon Murden, Brenda Murray, Andrew Pearce, Susan Spibey, Eileen Wilshaw, Wendy Wood.

Copies to: Florence Gersten, Graham Boxer, Rob Ainsworth.

Rob Ainsworth 08-09-06. 21:50