



## GPP Board Meeting

20th July 2009

### At The Fleet, Fletton

#### Present:

Colleen Gostick	GPP Chair
Mike Leggett	GPP Vice Chair
Richard Astle	GPP Director
Madam Mayor Irene Walsh	Elected Member
Mike Barnes	Go – East
Andy Hebb	Chief Superintendent, Cambs Constabulary
Cris Rees	Cambridgeshire Probation Service
Sean Brown	Cambs Fire & Rescue Services
Ansar Ali	Cambs Police Authority
Ted Fawcett	Chief Executive, Age Concern
Teresa Wood	Group Manager - Accessibility and Travel
Nigel Hards	Peterborough & Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
David Strode-Willis	HR Group Manager, ARCS
Cllr Nick Sandford	Elected Member
John Dewis	Voluntary and Community Sector representative
Trevor Gibson	PCC, Director of Environment and Community Services
Joshua Lovell	Youth MP
Mark Edwards	Media Rep
Steve Bowyer	Director of Strategic Growth
Linda Jones	University Centre Peterborough
Sue Rampal	GPP Assistant Cohesion Manager
Susie Hall	GPP, Manager
Louise Harrison	GPP, Co-ordinator

#### In Attendance:

Shelagh Smith, Director, Greenwoods  
Kevin Tighe, Head of Culture, PCC  
Lucia Serluca, The Fleet, Fletton  
Iain Crighton, Managing Director, Crightons  
Marian Cullen, John Clare Cottage  
Peter Thornton, Arts Council

#### Absent:

Graeme Clark, VCS Rep  
Mel Collins, Assistant Director, Learning & Skills, PCC  
Cliff Walker, Chair of Peterborough Racial Equality Council  
Robert Ferris, Chief Operating Officer, PCT

#### Apologies :

Apologies were received from: Angela Bailey, Dr Andy Liggins, Ken McKay, Henry Clark, Paul Phillipson, Marco Cereste, Gillian Beasley, Bryan Tyler, John Richards, Sue Churchill, John Bridge & David Copeland.

## 1.

### 1a Actions arising from previous GPP Board Meetings:

- David Sturgess is leading on the LSP Development Project. It will explore how the GPP can develop and demonstrate best practice partnership working.
- Richard Astle is working with Adrian Chapman, Claire Higgins and Steve Bowyer to develop what is needed to drive regeneration forward. NRSP's key strategy theme is to focus on the needs of the community.
- The latest unemployment figures show another rise in the last month within Peterborough. GPP has set up a group to monitor key indicators affected during the current economic downturn.
- A bid has been put forward to the Future Jobs Fund to create 163 jobs across the four priority areas of the Community Strategy.

All of the jobs will provide meaningful work, skills and experience to the FJF employees; develop key skills required by the local economy; and accelerate delivery of the SCS and Local Area Agreement. We hope to launch a pilot wave of FJF jobs in the early autumn, with the project team put in place immediately after the funds become available

- 'How do we address the issue of 'more growth'? – agreed to be placed on the agenda for next GPP Board.

### 1b Feedback & Actions following GPP Forum:

Susie Hall provided feedback from the recent GPP Forum for which the theme focused on Peterborough and its Neighbours. 47 different organisations attended.

Some of the outcomes from the 4 workshops are shown below, further are attached in detail:

- Improved use of the river, water taxis, leisure uses etc. including making the Fens Waterway Project a priority for us.
- Proactively support the growth and ongoing development of the university offer
- Improved access to public transport for young people. This came out of South Holland's £1 day rovers on buses for 11-16 year olds and opinions voiced by our youth MP.

It has been suggested to bring our neighbours back together later in the year, reporting on progress made. **Richard Astle & Madam Mayor** to discuss further our regional contacts.

Please use the following link to view the presentation: <http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/BoardMinutes.php>

### 1c Update on LAA Performance Issues:

The timings of the Partnership meetings have been reviewed and are to be held quarterly to tie-in with the reporting cycle. Any areas that cause concern will then be taken to the GPP Executive.

A presentation was given by Susie Hall, also attached, highlighting those areas that are red ragged and those that will remain red in 2011. <http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/BoardMinutes.php>

### 1d Introduction from the host community:

Lucia Serluca is the Secretary of The Fleet at Fletton.

An introduction was given about the Community Centre and how the Italian Community came together. Various events are held at the centre which are open to the general public and all very welcome.

Interest was shown for a member of the ICA to become more involved with GPP, working towards bringing communities together. **Richard Astle** to follow-up.

## 2. Introduction to the agenda:

It was agreed for a series of presentations to be given to the Board, looking at how we take forward Peterborough's cultural agenda. Outcomes that were wanted to be achieved were the following:

- How Culture can drive its agenda
- Help deliver the strategy, making Peterborough a bigger and better place
- Think about what we mean and want from Culture
- Pick up who takes this forward

## 3. Towards a new cultural offering for Peterborough – where are we now? & Planning & Delivering Better Cultural Services

**Kevin Tighe**, Head of Culture, PCC, gave a presentation looking at the different elements of the cultural mix including work with the RSA and the principles of the Cultural Trust.

The objective is to increase the number of people who feel they belong to their neighbourhood and to increase the percentage of people who agree Peterborough is a good place to live, work and play.

Results from recent surveys show that only 50% of people feel that they belong to their immediate neighbourhood. The question was raised for the neighbourhoods to be identified, as to know where to focus – **Kevin Tighe** to follow up.

Discussions took place with the following suggestions noted:

- Need to bring each area together, creating a central point
- The need for more champions that are wanting to help - taking on an Ambassadors Role
- Culture does involve the community
- Encourage Music & Dance events for young people
- Incorporate a music venue within the city
- Need to bring young people together more from different cultural backgrounds
- Expand the festival of festival calendar for next year

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## 4. Hot Issues & New issues for the Arts in Peterborough:

Peter Thornton from the Arts Council gave a presentation on a new and exciting project they are working on for Peterborough and why it was chosen for culture development:

- A growing city
- Opportunity for an improved cultural offer
- Arts infrastructure needs strengthening
- Looking for opportunities to develop an arts offer that is high quality and right for Peterborough

Peterborough has established a strategic partnership with the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA) and the Arts Council England, East to develop an ambitious and inclusive model of future citizenship. The partners will work with Peterborough citizens, local service providers and other key stakeholders in the city to develop innovative new ways of strengthening social and civic capacity.

RSA will be pulling together the existing work within the next 2 months. To visit the RSA website: [www.RSAartandecology.org.uk](http://www.RSAartandecology.org.uk) and to view the presentation use the following link: <http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/BoardMinutes.php>

## 5. Education, Environment & Culture

A presentation was given by Marian Cullen, Education Manager, of the John Clare Trust, introducing their work and how they are promoting the Trust.

The Trust are very keen to support the LAA – sharing their heritage and encouraging young people to become involved in programmes that are currently being set up.

Assembly talks are available if of interest, please contact Marian Cullen [education@clarecottage.org](mailto:education@clarecottage.org).

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## **6. Sport in Peterborough**

A presentation was given by Iain Crighton who championed the idea of a centre of excellence for sport as there are not enough facilities that are accessible at times when the general public require.

It is felt there is a need to develop a Peterborough Sports Strategy working in partnership with health, growth and environment agenda.

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## **7. Discussion**

Discussions included good engagement and some positive and challenging ideas from the Board. Some of the points were strategic and others related to specific projects.

An action plan is to be drawn up including timescales and report at the Board meeting in November. **RA/IC & KT to follow up – please see attached.**

## **8. AOB:**

No further business

Meeting closed at 5.00pm

## **Dates for your diary:**

16<sup>th</sup> September 12.15-5pm @ Buckles Solicitors, Bourges Boulevard

26<sup>th</sup> November 12.15- 5pm, venue tbc

18<sup>th</sup> February 12.15-5pm, venue tbc



## **Towards a New Cultural Offering for Peterborough**

The GPP Board on 21 July discussed how we should take forward improvement of the cultural offering in Peterborough. The Board heard presentations from Kevin Tighe, Head of Culture at Peterborough City Council, Peter Thornton of the Arts Council, Marian Cullen of the John Clare Trust, Lucia Serluca of the Italian Community Association and Iain Crighton representing sport.

Discussion ranged across a number of areas of arts, heritage and sport. The table below outlines some of the ideas that were discussed, splitting the topics, for convenience, into those that fall into the sphere of strategic and infrastructural planning and are largely about Peterborough's ambition and those that are more operational and community based.

### **Proposed actions**

1. The new Cultural Trust to be established by PCC should act as a partnership forum for taking forward the cultural offering for Peterborough. It should have two separate strategic forums looking at arts/heritage and sport. It should seek to articulate a very clear and ambitious agenda for culture in Peterborough.
2. PCC to work with Iain Crighton on developing sports agenda.
3. Richard Astle to set up a meeting between Councillor Lee, Deputy Leader of Peterborough City Council and Shelagh Smith, Iain Crighton and Nigel Hards to discuss the strategic agenda for arts/heritage and sports.
4. GPP and PCC to examine possibilities for developing a communication strategy for culture in Peterborough and a single 'What's On?' portal.
5. GPP to work with the Culture and Neighbourhoods teams in PCC to take forward ideas on the Arch and on intra-city twinning.
6. Health Partnership to further consider links with the sports agenda.
7. GPP Cohesion Board to consider how we make more use of culture to bring communities together.
8. GPP and Cultural and City Centre Services to work with Youth MP and colleagues on music and dance ideas.
9. PCC Cultural Services to present to Environment Capital partnership on Green Leap Day.

<b>Strategic and infrastructure</b>	<b>Tactical and community</b>
Develop a very clear ambition for culture, including sport, in PBR.	Develop robust communication strategy, including the development of a single, open-source web-page for all cultural events in Peterborough.
Take forward Sports Village agenda, making PBR a regional centre for sport, including new swimming facilities.	Take forward the RSA initiative, linking it to the outcomes of the Sustainable Community Strategy.
Establish arts centre in centre of PBR.	Consider a range of cultural champions.
Working group to consider sports in Peterborough. Make links with health and the environment.	Make more use of the 'Arch' designed for last year's Great Eastern Run.
	Intra-city twinning idea designed to bring communities together.
	Music and dance for young people – monthly event in the city centre organised by each school in succession?
	More emphasis on events that bring cultures together.
	Green Leap Day – consider how to take forward across Peterborough.