Hackney Wick Cultural Interest Group

Minutes of the meeting held Friday 8th June 2012

Held at: The White Building, Queens Yard, WPL, E9

***“Helping to establish a permanent, sustainable, creative community in Hackney Wick.'***

**In attendance:**

(MR) Martin Richman – local artist

(TS) Tom Seaton – Counter Cafe

(DT) Douglas Thackway - Space

(TT) Tracie Trimmer – Hackney Wick Festival

(DE) Daren Ellis – See Studios

(WC) William Chamberlain (Chair) – Forman’s Smokehouse Gallery

(RB) Richard Brown – Wick Newspaper

(DW) Dan Wood – Streets Utd

(JP) Jim Previtt - Space

(AN) Abbas NokatesK

(AL) Andreas Lang – Public Works

Valli – Land Prop

Clara – Land Prop

Issac – Wick Newspaper

**Authorities:**

(EE) Esther Everett – LLDC

(HL) Hannah Lambert – LLDC

(CG) Claire Gevaux – LLDC

(AM) Adrianna Marquez - LLDC

(SW) Simone Williams – LBTH

(IF) Ian Freshwater – LB Hackney

**Apologies:**

**Previous actions addressed:**

1. *Future meeting to be held at the White Building – June TBC*

**Outstanding actions:**

***i)* *Made-in Directory to be presented to the group by MUF.***

1. ***Are full Terms of Reference to be drawn up i.e membership?***
2. ***A further update on Wick Hub Scheme going forward will follow at a future meeting, now it falls under LLDC jurisdiction.***

**A) Signage**

An update was given by IF as to actions subsequent to the last meeting. An explanation re Muf mapping and 18 months ! Tim Carter was outlined as the relevant officer at TfL. DE outlined the informal mapping of the area would still play a part in the next Wick newspaper

***ACTION – all agencies to chase up relevant contacts i.e traffic engineers or TfL***

***ACTION – IF to bring back comments from TfL to next meeting***

**B) LLDC Update – Bangla TV site**

EF outlined that an agreement with LLDC Real Estate team had been made regards interim and temporary uses; this opportunity focusses on the Bangla TV site at Rothbury Road. This has required a quick turnaround; the last three days has seen a brief written which will soon be disseminated.

So LLDC are now looking for ideas. Opportunity is for a 4 month licence for interested parties to use site for projects and activities. Begins July to the end of October. LLDC are also looking at more permanent ideas – two years + – that could host pavilion or equivalent. So there could vet be a crossover with short term and medium term, depending on ideas.

LLDC are asking for a response which will showcase the area, help the unification of residents and cultural community and expanding an organisation’s remit.

Two weeks have been given until a requested response, on Friday 22nd June. A week has been set aside for assessment thereafter.

Q re licensing – applications would have to apply. Discussions with LBTH have commenced.

Q re funding – none separately available so bidders would have to consider collaborative bids with commercial entities, sponsors, collectives etc

Q re utilities – on site, but capped so will have to be reconnected.

***ACTION – Any clear ideas for land south of the station, do send them through…***

***ACTION – EF to set out outcome at next CIG***

**C) Hackney Wick festival**

To be held 15th and 16th September this year. They are proposing Saturday of ‘participation’, highlighting and promoting Wick labelled products and services. Will enable wide engagement without specific walking to venues etc. An intern – Lizzie – has been taken on board.

Sunday – usual focus of family and other activities. This year will look to incorporate Cre8 Community Centre, with a mix of use and activity. Gallery space is a real possibility. Friday private view and carrying through wknd?

Planning group now meet fortnightly, at 7pm on Tuesdays. Contact TT for details.

***ACTION – All to discuss option of aligning White Building participation on Open House, Wick Festival open studios, Wicked annual open studios and Space Studios around the September weekend of Open House, with LLDC assistance?***

***ACTION – IF to assist with Eastway road closure.***

**D) Big Local Wick Ward Lottery fund:**

**Wick festival happy to announce they have been granted further tranche of £20,000 consultation.**

To date, Wick Festival have been attending events, established the Wick Award webpage, assisted in a Gascoyne film project - ‘In the Picture’. Further emerging events include a garden project with both the Gascoyne Estate and Biggs Square and a young parents ‘breathing’ space project entitled the Human Library.

***ACTION – TT to disseminate times of future consultation***

**E) Dan Wood – Streets League / Street Sports**

Dan introduced Streets United as delivering young people engagement and using streets sports as a diversionary tactic – i.e extreme martial arts, UK YOYO champion, working with Freestyle – sports, arts and music, beatbox, graffiti.

Currently working with the Cre8 Centre, a transformed venue, they would like have an academy based there. For now, CRE8 to ensure promotion of ongoing activity.

**F) Wick website:**

WC: Could the Made-in Directory be used as a wider portal to ongoing activity? What is the timeline? What is the domain name? At the very least, could it contain a shared calendar, for localised events?

MR – Best to set it live ASAP – and for it to be added to…

***ACTION – MUF presentation to be given on July 13th?***

***ACTION – IF to liaise with DE re site latest incarnation and ability to add extra data***

**AOB:**

**ACTION – Speak to IF re opportunity to get involved in Mabley Green element of Torch Relay day on 21st July.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Friday 13th July – VENUE – Cre8 Lifestyle Centre @ Wick Community Centre, Eastway, E9**