

DORCHESTER  
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**NOTES OF THE STEERING GROUP MEETING  
HELD AT DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM  
ON TUESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2008  
AT 12pm**

**Present:**

Judy Lindsay (Chair)	JLi	Dorset County Museum
Jude Allen	JA	West Dorset District Council
Clive Gameson	CG	Dorset Arts Action Group
John Gillard	jpg	Arts at Herrison
Dennis Holmes	DH	Dorchester Town Council
John Lock	JL	St Mary's Church
Roger Reagan	RR	Brownsword Hall Committee

**1. APOLOGIES**

Lloyd Thomas                      LT      DCS/DCMMS

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 31 MAY 2007**

These were agreed as a true record

**ACTION**

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**4. EQUIPMENT REVIEW**

- DH has agreed to print the DAF equipment brochure when the content has been updated. SH to update content and send to DH within four weeks. **DH**
- Publicity for DAF to be included in the DAC brochure and Community Link. **SH/JA**
- **It was agreed** that a sum of up to **£200** be awarded for a technician to carry out an audit/PAT testing of the equipment and to purchase bulbs/cables up to the amount agreed. Also, to make a list of equipment which needs to be repaired/replaced. A report to be submitted at the next meeting. **SH**
- The DAC Finance Manager to re-submit updated invoice to the DAF Treasurer regarding the % charge for the insurance and the annual administration fee. **DAC Finance Manager**
- SH reported to the meeting that the flat roofs at the arts centre have now been repaired. **SH**
- **It was agreed** that Artsreach venues are now entitled to hire DAF equipment at a lower rate. **SH**

**5. UPDATES**

Hardy's Wessex Project

This is a new project for the Dorset County Museum in partnership with the National Trust, AONB team, Destination Management Team, Thomas Hardy Society and Community Museums' Advisor to promote the 'Wessex' area and for visitors to have "A Hardy Experience". A grant application will be submitted for funds to employ a Project Officer.

Roman Festival

This project is to promote Roman Dorchester in partnership with Dorset County Council, Dorchester Town Council and Dorset County Museum. A grant application to HLF will be submitted soon. This festival will be a bi-annual event and in 2008 will be held in August.

Summer Saturday Live

The Dorchester Town Promotions Group hope to hold live music in South Street for six Saturdays during the summer.

The Maltings

CG distributed the revised drawings for The Maltings. The project is awaiting detailed planning permission. Linda Screen would like to attend the next DAF steering group to make a presentation about the project so far.

**CG**

Dorchester Festival 2008

The 2008 festival will be held at the Borough Gardens, Dorset County Museum and the Corn Exchange. The festival will take place on 22-26 May 2008 with free events on Saturday and Bank Holiday Monday.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- (a) The AGM will be held on Tuesday, 24 June at 2pm at the Dorset County Museum with free entry to the Childhood Exhibition.

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next steering group meeting will be held on Wednesday, 23 April 2008 at 2pm at Dorset County Museum.