



Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Thursday 20th May 2021

	Item	Comment/Action
1	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>Apologies: Sheila Grainger (Coventry Ambassadors) , Linda Hirons (CAIF), Manjit Rehal (CRASAC)</p>	
2	<p>Update on Festival planning 2021</p> <p>Colin Scott informed the meeting about the date of the combined Multicultural Craft & Food Fair and the Community Information Fair – Saturday 4th September 2021. Literature about the two fairs has already been circulated.</p> <p>There will be 25 stalls, hired from Sketts. The whole of Broadgate will be used. We will also have entertainment.</p> <p>The Multicultural Concert will be held on Saturday 31st July at the Ukrainian Hall. It is likely to be a ticketed event.</p> <p>The event pro forma and guidance notes will be recirculated. This year we are not producing a printed booklet. Event information will appear on our website. Our core events will be from 1st June to 30th September 2021.</p>	<p>Action: Colin</p>
3	<p>City of Culture 2021 update</p> <p>PIF membership continues to be informed about all events being planned for the City of Culture Year.</p>	
4	<p>Ideas for 2021 Festival</p> <p>*<i>Sue Konrad</i> – Friends of War Memorial Park have arranged a series of events from 9th to 11th July to mark the Park's 100th anniversary. Events include: a <i>Rededication of the Park</i> with the Lord Mayor and hopefully the Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands on Friday 9th July; an <i>official opening of the Friends new Community</i></p>	

<p><i>Sensory Garden</i> in the Aviary ground on Saturday 10th July. The Chamber of Silence will be open on each of the 3 days over the weekend and the Roll of Honour will be on view. The Friends have been working together with the Park staff to restore the missing memorial trees and plaques. A <i>Tree Trail</i> showing the history of some of the memorials is planned as is an <i>audio Bench Trail</i> where you can listen to some of the stories behind the reasons for having a memorial bench in the Park.</p> <p>*<i>Heather Parker</i> – CHAT Central’s normal activities as well as online artwork will be part of PIF’s events.</p> <p>*<i>Debbie Jones</i> – Working on <i>Coventry Photography Exhibition</i>, to be sited at the Central Library on 9th June. Looking for other community venues.</p> <p>*<i>Donna Bridgewater</i> – Working on Getting through this, a project around Covid recovery and mental health. Would like to extend it to groups of diverse communities. Anyone interested in Hereward College’s <i>Getting through this project</i> is requested to contact Debbie.</p> <p>*<i>Nicola Smith</i> – Mentioned Chat Central’s party for teenagers, on 18th June. Will liaise with Mehru re: input of volunteers and also pass on info about musicians/dancers/poets available to perform at PIF events.</p> <p>*<i>Gabrielle Back</i> – Working on competition re: climate change. 22 of the best posters will be sent to Glasgow for the COP26 Summit. The date of the launch of the exhibition at Holy Trinity Church has been moved to October. Gabrielle would like the competition poster to be recirculated. Rotary Clubs would like to participate in the Community Information Fair.</p> <p>Gabrielle also mentioned the Queen’s Green Canopy initiative, to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022. People are invited to plant trees. It is hoped that 3 million trees will be planted.</p> <p>*<i>Nor Aziz</i> – <i>Canley Community Lunch</i> will be held on 3rd July. Informed the meeting that getting a licence for music to be played at an outdoor event was easy and inexpensive.</p> <p>*<i>Lucy Winter</i> – Earlsdon Library is open for borrowing. An <i>open day</i> will be held on 3rd July. It is also partnering with other organisations to brighten up the surrounding area. Will liaise with Gabrielle Back, Emilie Lauren Jones and Kate Hills for future activities.</p> <p>*<i>Ravinder Kundra</i> – Interested in poetry in different languages. Asked about the possibility of translation. Was informed about a poetry workshop, which had poetry in different languages and accompanying translations. Mehru will provide contact details.</p> <p>*<i>Peter Wilford</i> – Is making an offer of sports equipment to Nicola. Has printed PIF posters and programme booklets for PIF as well as member organisations.</p> <p>*<i>Mehru</i> – The poster exhibition which Eleanor Nesbitt prepared for Coventry Literary Trail is available for display. Event organisers preparing posters for their events are requested to ensure that the PIF logo and City of Culture logo appear on the poster. Logos will be sent out shortly.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Action: Nicola/Mehru</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Action: Gabrielle/Colin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Action: Mehru</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Action: Colin/Mehru</p>
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	<p>*David Chapman provided links to several environmental projects.</p> <p>rebel culture weekend - https://www.facebook.com/events/1226214884461128</p> <p>love to ride - https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ucVa5ps7RhCOZjkhEhNSRA?utm_campaign=Sales%20%26%20BD&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=126464008&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-_7bnHtNvtuGIF7KBAbn_rCMDM2qIH4mJZj6wMvU-FtTEUd_sGHW6yUfowv7ieLdenIXhBwo3PLjzSMewF71f_4KlcG&utm_content=126464008&utm_source=hs_email</p> <p>car club - https://www.transport-museum.com/events/1464/electric_car_club</p> <p>resonate festival - https://warwick.ac.uk/about/cityofculture/get-involved/programme/current-events</p> <p>climate action for a fair green future - https://www.climate-change-solutions.co.uk/product/climate-action-for-a-clean-green-future/</p> <p>british clean up - https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean</p> <p>giga factory consultation - https://www.gigafactoryconsultation.co.uk/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo</p> <p>river Sherbourne valley project - https://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/RiverSherbourneSurveys</p>	
5	<p>Funding update</p> <p>PIF has been successful in obtaining funding from the Arts Council. This will enable us to hold music and poetry workshops at Fargo Village, a big poetry event at the Tin, arts and crafts mental health workshops and pay for an artist and our activities during Peace Festival. Anyone with ideas for workshops is requested to contact Colin.</p>	
5	<p>Volunteer Update</p> <p>Mehru informed the meeting that from time to time applications continue to come from people interested in volunteering. Of late, we have made good use of volunteers' design and social media skills.</p>	
6	<p>Information Exchange and any other business</p> <p>. Colin reminded members to send him information about their activities/events so that it can be circulated.</p>	

7	<p>Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th June from 12.30 to 1.30pm. During the festival period, we will run shorter meetings.</p>	
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Attendees

Name	Organisation	Telephone	Email
Colin Scott	Positive Images Festival – Chair	07986 321 820	positiveimagesfest@yahoo.com
Mehru Fitter	Positive Images Festival – Secretary		
Donna Bridgewater	Hereward College		
Nor Aziz	Canley Popupcafe		
Lucy Winter	Earlsdon Library		
Shabana Sarguro	PIF Festival Communications Officer		
Peter Wilford	Coventry Freeman’s Guild		
Diane Hill	Coventry Ambassadors		
Heather Parker	Chat Central		
Nicola Smith	Chat Central		
Sue Konrad	Friends of War Memorial Park		
Ravinder Singh Kundra			
David Chapman	University of Warwick		
Debbie Jones	Hereward College		