

# ARTSCOOP

## NOTES FROM MEETING 27/02/2018

1. Present : Tom(chair), Eva, Chris, Julie, Shirley, Sue, Mikey Ball welcomed (as was the fly from last meeting), apologies from Christie Hardy-Jones and Melissa Wright
2. Verbal report on **Board meeting** (05/02/2018), and tabled annual report.
3. Following an update (see attached), most of the meeting was taken up with arranging action to kick-start already funded 2018 projects.
4. Project related decisions:
  - **Edgbaston Reservoir** – Eva to take on project management with July 21<sup>st</sup> provisional date; review possible link with Hippodrome Reservoir October project (Tom to check with Hippodrome on progress); Tom to chase up meeting with council officer overseeing nearby Icknield Port Loop development.
  - **Artsmile 2018** – Sue potentially interested in project management; Tom to write job description and circulate asap; need to start project soon; provisional date : Sat Sept 22.
  - **Stone Road Refugee Hostel** – Shirley potentially interested in project manager but dependent on job description; Tom to write and circulate, and to check with Near Neighbours on funding period extension to accommodate refugees performing at Reservoir on July 21st.
5. **Open pay-on-day drawing sessions:** strong interest in Lightwoods House, Bearwood, as preferred venue with Tuesday morning for 2 hrs x 4 week proposed as trial run in May, with flier and longish marketing lead-in; Tom to book with Lightwoods room
6. **Crowd-funding for trial pop-up shop** discussed, with some reservations about taking on property responsibilities and whether we have the necessary supporting infra-structure – to be discussed further.
7. **AGM** – resolved for 12.00 April 23 2018 at Slug & Lettuce with 3 weeks notice; to be attached to an open drawing session 10-12 on St George + Dragon theme as additional attraction, Forum event and a taster/market tester for May drawing sessions. TJ to arrange but flier needed asap.  
**NEWSLETTER** – Julie to assemble with round-up on achievements (Artsmile and Edgbaston Awakes) members to forward info and photos to Julie Also, video of Edgbaston Awakes to be circulated to those involved.

DoNM: Tuesday March 13 12- 2 Slug & Lettuce (tbc)

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## WHAT WE'VE DONE THIS YEAR....

- 1. HARBY – THE HARBORNE BEAR (Summer 2017).**  
We bought the bear from Wild In Arts for Harborne bear) as part of Birmingham's 'The Big Sleuth'. We organised decoration with residents' finger-prints and installation in High St. Looking for a permanent home, meanwhile Harby is hanging out at HarborNE Pool & Fitness Centre
- 2. WORKING WITH LOCAL GROUPS (year round)**  
Arts events/activities with older people at Harborne House, Cerebral Palsy Midlands in Harborne, and The Haven Centre in Welsh House Farm.
- 3. ARTSMILE 2017 (Sept 30)**  
Now in its sixth year, Artsmile is Harborne's own home-grown arts event when High St shops, pubs, bars and cafes host Artscoop artists offering free family-friendly creative workshops; this year Artscoop worked with community groups to support them so they also could deliver workshops.
- 4. EDGBASTON AWAKES (Summer 2017)**  
Creative workshops in centres used by four overlooked communities in Edgbaston Ward (Karis Neighbourhood, Stone Road Refugee Hostel, Martineau Gardens and Woodview Community) enabling them to discover what they could make and share the results with others on a bus tour round all their centres.
- 5. URBAN LOCAL SERVICES BIRMINGHAM (AUTUMN 2017)**  
A commission via No 11 Arts to conduct 'creative consultation' with three community groups (St Francis Centre, Bartley Green, Summerfield Residents' Association in Ladywood, and young people at The Lighthouse in Aston) as part of a Birmingham University large-scale research project – September to November 2017 (£5,000)

## ....AND WHAT WE'VE GOT LINED UP

- 6. RESERVOIR OF VALUES (June/July 2018)**  
Creative workshops with the varied users of Edgbaston Reservoir enabling them to create a procession of stalls and events round the Reservoir showing visitors what they value about this unique natural space in the centre of Birmingham.
- 7. ARTSMILE 2018 (Sept 2018)**  
Using the now proven and popular model, we will aim this this year to involve even more local groups in delivering creative workshops.

## .....AND THESE THROUGH TO THE SUMMER.....IF WE GET THE FUNDS

8. Short creative programmes with Cerebral Palsy Midlands and Harborne House people.
9. Music-making with refugees at Stone Road Hostel - Now funded
10. Collaboration on a heritage project with Moorpool Residents and Lordswood Girls School