



## Minutes

### Tadcaster & Villages Community Engagement Forum (Extraordinary Partnership Board)

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Venue:	The Ark, 33 Kirkgate, Tadcaster LS24 9AQ.
Date:	Tuesday 26 July 2016
Time:	2pm
Present:	<u>District and County Councillors</u> Councillors Don Mackay (Chair), and Chris Metcalfe.  <u>Co-opted members</u> Steve Cobb.
Apologies:	Councillor Keith Ellis, Bea Rowntree, Councillor Richard Sweeting, and Avis Thomas.
Officers present:	David Gluck (Tadcaster & Rural CIC) and Daniel Maguire (Democratic Services Officer, Selby District Council).
Others present:	David Edmunds (Director, Dep Arts Ltd) and Kirsty Poskitt (Tadcaster Town Council).
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#### 15. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

#### 16. EVENT TO MARK RE-OPENING OF TADCASTER BRIDGE

The Chair introduced David Edmunds from Dep Arts Limited, and also Councillor Kirsty Poskitt (Tadcaster Town Council). The Board considered options for a

celebratory cultural event in Tadcaster to mark the re-opening of the bridge over the River Wharfe in December.

It was noted that the minimum cost of providing a celebratory cultural event would be £50,000. It was explained that this would consist of an event lasting approximately 45 minutes to one hour involving the whole community (in particular local school children), lighting on the bridge and pyrotechnics. The Board indicated its wish for the event to focus on reuniting the two sides of the town, and of reinvigorating the town's economy – but around a central theme of moving forward.

Options for funding were discussed, although it was noted that the timescale would make significant funding from national bodies such as the Arts Council unlikely. However local sources of funding could be considered including sponsorship by local businesses and funding from the CEF.

David Edmonds confirmed that he would be prepared to undertake some initial preparatory work at his own risk, in advance of the next Partnership Board meeting on 12 September 2016. It was noted that, as there were no proposals for the Board to consider at this stage, there could be no decision on CEF support until a full proposal could be considered at the next meeting. It was confirmed that this timescale would not be prohibitive to Dep Arts Limited in being able to provide an event towards the end of 2016 or beginning of 2017.

**RESOLVED:**

**To consider a formal proposal at the Partnership Board meeting on 12 September 2016.**

The meeting closed at 3pm.

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