Moray Economic Strategy Arts & Culture Steering Group Meeting Monday 6th of October 2014, 10.30 am Board Room, HIE Moray, Forres

MEETING NOTE

ATTENDEES	Tina McGeever (TM) – Out of the Darkness Theatre Company; Fabio Villani (FV) – TSI Moray; Kresanna Aigner (KA) – Findhorn Bay Arts; Karl Jay-Llewin (KJL) – Bodysurf; Alastair Farquhar (AF) – North East Arts Touring (NEAT); Andrew Anderson (AA) – Highlands & Islands Enterprise.
APOLOGIES	James Alexander (JA) – Speyfest; Emyr Bell (EB) – North East Arts Touring (NEAT); Graham Jarvis (GJ) – Moray Council; Nicole Green (NG) – Highlands & Islands Enterprise.

1) Review of previous meeting note

Accepted as written.

2) Feedback on actions from previous meeting

All actions completed to date.

3) Final draft of Culture Strategy

Proposed changes -

MEP logo to be added. Photo credits – provide list at back. Page 19 – Change landscape picture. Page 21 – "Establish a leadership body that can be an advocate and represent sector."

- 4) Update on WorldHost funding and delivery
- 5) AOB

Findhorn Bay Arts Festival – Congratulations to KA and the team at Findhorn Bay Arts on the success of the Festival which over 7,000 people attended. Around 400-500 students attended over the week. Visit Scotland are currently undertaking an evaluation of the event which will provide solid measurement figures. Findhorn Bay Arts internship will be continuing at one day a week undertaking further evaluation. KA aiming to announce the results of these evaluations first week in December.

TSI Moray – KA and EB are now members of the TSI Moray Board of Directors. It has been agreed that TSI Moray will be the lead body for the development of arts and culture in Moray moving forward. Suggestion made that this should be in terms of provision of information. It was then noted that development of the sector is crucial for funding applications. With regards to a temporary staff position in this area, a well-defined job specification and funding model need to be developed. Enabling actions will be taken from the Strategy and prioritised accordingly. The Officer will enable and support the existing groups and individuals working within the sector. From here, this Steering Group will evolve into a reference/stakeholder group.

Launch of Culture Strategy – This will be after presentation to the MEP, now looking to be early 2015.

6) Date of next meeting.

Last week in November.

Items for agenda –

Job specification for temporary post within TSI Moray. Terms of reference for Steering Group. Membership. MEP presentation. Launch event.