Meeting Notes Friends of Castle Green – Directors 7pm Thursday, 30th April, 2015, Castle Green Pavilion

Present: Amanda Attfield; Mark Hubbard, Paddy Nugent, Jonathan Sheldon, Annabel Oxford, Lisa Richardson, Katie Bott. Jack Sibley for the first item.

Agenda item	Key points	Action
Conflict of Interest	Mark is a resident of Castle Green and personally involved with the item on music for the Midsummer Fair. Paddy is an employee of St. Michael Hospice.	
Livewire	Jack Sibley outlined the importance of the Livewire Youth Programme to the benefit of young people. The projects are for all young people with common musical interests in and around Herefordshire, bringing them together to share, perform and record their own music, especially for those who do not normally get the opportunity to take part. The programme is fully inclusive with two thirds of the participants in challenging circumstances. There are three project strands — outreach, the weekly music sessions and Livewire Central, a week long course culminating in a live 'gig' at a local venue. The weekly sessions & Livewire Central are based on the Pavilion, seen as safe space between the communities north & south of the river. In 2014, of 150 young people helped, 115 came to the Pavilion. The funding from The National Foundation for Youth Music had not been renewed for 2015 and so the summer programme was uncertain. Two applications were in the pipeline. If successful, the first one would cover expenditure from September 2015 to Easter, 2016 and the second, from April 2016 for two years. The Tuesday evening sessions would continue until the summer holidays but the summer event was unconfirmed and the decision would not be made until early August. The Pavilion was an ideal venue and not substitute could be found in Hereford. Jack asked for the directors' patience & understanding and for the instrument storage facility to be continued. He would provide a full project report & statistics together with individual 'stories', which could be used in the CAT. AGREED: to continue the instrument storage facility until further notice.	
Midsummer Fair	Mark left the room for the discussion. For the 2014 Midsummer Fair, Jack had arranged the music within an agreed budget without payment. He would be willing to do so again for this summer's fair. His fee would be £100 plus £35 travel expenses. AGREED.	
Minutes	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.	
Matters Arising	Margaret: Annabel would send a card Pensions: Jonathan has the PAYE reference no. and will liaise with Richard regarding our staging date for automatic enrolment of employees in a company pension.	Annabel Jonathan
	Newsletter: Katie would prepare the next newsletter by the end of May Gazebos: Two large gazebos had been bought for £1,200	Katie
Fundraising	Mark will write the final draft of the Awards for All application during the weekend 9 th /10 th May & submit it for ratification by email.	Mark
Review of Risks	Under three headings, legal, financial and governance, Amanda & Paddy will work on a draft list of risks with their likelihood, impact, measures to be taken and residual effect. This will be brought to the next meeting.	Amanda Paddy

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No success as yet from Paddy's letters in finding a replacement Financial Director. The kitchen must be Council registered before we issue any form of contract. Annabel will arrange with her contact to look at the paperwork which Katie will then submit. Mark will give the cleaner the casual contract, who must submit	Annabel Mark
Needs financial forecasts for 2015/16/17/18, which Jonathan will do. Dave Tristram's advice will be incorporated. Risk section needs updating. Final discussion at the next meeting with submission in September. Karen Stanton replaces Paul Nicholas as our contact.	Jonathan Paddy
The annual return had been filed. Letters had been exchanged with Companies House regarding the penalty for late filing of the 2013 accounts. Jonathan circulated his reply which was approved. The Open Invoice report was circulated for discussion. One write-off agreed and copies of the outstanding invoices to be sent to Mark for personal follow-up. The car boot had made £445 and £110 for St. Michaels Hospice. £695 of income had been invoiced so far. The shortfall for the first three months stood at £3,400. The current cash balance of £28,764 was made up of WW1 fund of £3,432, HHD of £5,000 with £20,332 unallocated. BBQ & gazebo purchases still to be taken into account. Send Jonathan a copy of the correspondence with Steve Kerry.	Lisa
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	Jonathan was presented with a gift and card, with so very many thanks for all his work as a Director	
Date of Next Meeting	Thursday, 28 th May, 2015 at 7pm at the Castle Green Pavilion, Hereford	
2015 Meeting Dates	18 th June, 23 rd July, 20 th August, 17 th September, 29 th October, 19 th November	