

Extracts from the minutes of the 2012 AGM

Rod Jackson was the Chair Person:

Ratification of New Fringe Decisions

Rod Jackson explained that over the past six months the committee of the New Fringe had taken decisions on several issues. He believed that these decisions had allowed the New Fringe to move forward rapidly and set the stage for its future development.

Support was requested from the AGM for the actions, which are listed below and subject to the discussion points which are shown in italics was unanimously given.

New Fringe 'manifesto'

The New Fringe is a positive force in developing and sustaining an arts scene in Doncaster and the surrounding area. To achieve this it maintains a focus on the visual arts together with a commitment to supporting the professional development of members.

The New Fringe also recognizes its position within the community, has a growing commitment to the arts in general and to extending its activities in an inclusive manner.

The New Fringe is a not-for-profit community organisation which looks to its members to determine its direction and ensure its future development.

Key objectives are to:

- Developing the visual arts in Doncaster and the surrounding region
- Supporting the professional development of members
- Helping sustain and promote the broader arts scene within the region
- Reach out to and involve communities in visual art related activities

Emphasis on Visual Arts to be removed to encourage wider participation from all sectors. Discussion over the use of 'professional' to describe development. No resolution reached, however it should be noted that the Fringe and subsequently New Fringe focus on professionalism was seen as a clear differentiator between the New Fringe and amateur oriented clubs and societies.

Membership

A membership structure was agreed as follows:

- Friend £5.00
- Member £5.00
- Corporate £5.00 minimum
- Association £5.00 minimum

Committee Minutes

These are not being routinely circulated but main points are being incorporated into the newsletter and ratification is being sought for main items at the AGM

Marketing

In addition to social media and radio features a newsletter is being produced and an ezine has been proposed

Remuneration

The principle of remuneration has been agreed for New Fringe Members employed in New Fringe activities. The headline day rate for Artists has been fixed at £200 per day and for administration at £150 per day. If the New Fringe wins work for members it will seek to achieve day rates of at least £200 or £150 respectively.

In the case of the New Fringe paying a Member (including committee members) for New Fringe administration activities the day rate will be £150. Authorization of payment will require agreement of both the Chair and the Treasurer. To ensure impartiality both the Chair and Treasurer will not be eligible for remuneration for New Fringe administrative work.

All Members can, following agreement with the Treasurer (or in the case of the Treasurer with the Chair), receive payment through the New Fringe for the delivery of funded projects.

The payment of fees to members will only be proposed when funds permit usually as a result of an identified income stream.

Fund Raising

All members of the New Fringe are encouraged to apply for funding for projects.

If the projects are being applied for in the name of the New Fringe then the committee must be made aware prior to the application being made and the funds must be paid into the New Fringe bank account.

It is normal for the individual or individuals making the bid for funding to charge a fee on success. This should be agreed with the Treasurer but will normally be at 5%

The New Fringe will levy a charge of 5% on all funds it handles.

Insurance

The New Fringe has not taken group insurance to cover members. It is the responsibility of individual members to ensure that they have adequate insurance to cover their requirements.