



Cardiff Civic Society is a membership organisation and charity that aims to conserve, sustain and develop the natural and built environment of the city for the benefit of current and future generations

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Partnerships in Cardiff

As part of its work to encourage wider citizen participation in Cardiff's future the Society has set up as a strand of its charitable work Cardiff Partnerships. Best described as a 'non organisation' it's a way of encouraging the many diverse community and single-action groups in the city to get together to share their concerns and their expertise.



After an initial open meeting in April CCS organised a second workshop event to

inform its submission for the Draft Delivery Agreement for the new LDP (see over). It's very clear that there is a real need for such events and we'll be organising more.

Election Forum

CCS organised a packed General Election forum at which a panel of politicians faced

an informed audiences' questions of the built and natural environment.

Why Conserve?

The Society's two key objects - to help preserve the past for future generations and to ensure that today's built environment has buildings that our children will want to conserve too - were the themes behind an event held in Cardiff's Old Library where members of CCS and the Victorian Society had a preview of the exhibition "Saving a Century" and a discussion with a distinguished panel.



On the panel were: Mark Baker PhD candidate at Cardiff University. Author of 'A Royal Home in Wales, Llwynywermod', 'Hafodunos Hall' and others and co-author of 'Forgotten Welsh Houses'; Professor Judi

Loach has held posts at Cambridge, Oxford Brookes and Cardiff universities; John Edwards who was responsible for initiating and leading the award winning Cardiff Castle heritage management project; Elaine Davey now a PhD candidate at Cardiff University. Chair of the Victorian Society's Wales group, serves on the planning committee of WHGT and other heritage groups, Deputy Area Chair for Nadfas. The lively discussion was chaired by Peter Cox. There was extensive media coverage which you can catch up with on the CCS website.

Social media surgery

Supported by CCS with the Guardian and Wales Online. Need help and advice? Details of next event <http://tiny.cc/smscardiff>

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Cardiff Civic Society is a charity dedicated to improving the built and natural environment of the city. Its role is to provide information and support, research and debate and, where necessary, to lobby local authorities, government and private interests to ensure the achievement of its aims. It runs conferences, workshops, education events and acts as a catalyst for other organisations with similar objectives to exchange ideas and develop skills.

It also runs a programme of informal and social events for its members in buildings and places that demonstrate concern for the built environment.

Visit to Glamorgan Records Office: Tuesday 6-8pm 30 November numbers limited

Council now aims for Local Development Plan by 2014

The LDP group has been very busy over the past two years trying to influence council thinking on the future development of Cardiff: it's a story of many successes but also disappointments.

Round One

The Planning Inspectorate rejected the first LDP at public hearings in February this year, its criticisms reflecting much of the comment we had made in our formal submission to the council in June 2009. (We sent out a copy of our analysis with the newsletter in the summer of 2009 - (online here <http://tiny.cc/tf5sc>). It was with little satisfaction that we watched the council being forced to accept publicly that the deposited LDP was poorly constructed, lacking evidence, and with many flaws and inconsistencies. This failure was a major setback for Cardiff and has left planning for the city in limbo for many years to come. We are now watching carefully to ensure that inappropriate development does not occur unchallenged while waiting for a new LDP.

Starting again

The first steps towards a new LDP have now been taken, and we worked quite closely with the council to clarify our views about the way the plan should be constructed, how citizens should be consulted, and the timescale involved. Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of our formal submission to the council in July.

We understand Cardiff Civic Society was the only organisation to make such a comprehensive set of comments and we were invited to meet Cllr Rodney Berman, senior officers and relevant cabinet members for a useful and de-

tailed review of our proposals. We are pleased that a few of our ideas have been taken up, but the majority of our recommen-

dations seem to have been too advanced and different from the old ways of doing things to be accepted in spite of the financial savings they may have brought and the much improved civic engagement we proposed. Our ideas to provide a faster route to a successful LDP were validated by our contacts in WAG, but were too radical for Cardiff council who seem to have rejected these ideas largely because no one else has done them before!

A new timetable for 2014

The plan and timescale for the new LDP, termed the Delivery Agreement, has now been submitted to, and accepted by WAG and should deliver an LDP by 2014!

We will continue to work with the council throughout the next four years to try to ensure that the new LDP is a good basis for managing the development of this great city.

In the meantime, Caerphilly has become the first authority in south Wales to have their LDP approved by the Inspectorate, congratulations! Let us hope that Cardiff makes a better job of this important task than the failed first attempt. We will need to stay vigilant, and the LDP team (see the list of members in our report) will continue to be as thorough and professional as our work to date has demonstrated.

David Eggleton, Leader LDP team and CCS Secretary

Keeping in touch

As postage and printing increase in cost CCS increasingly relies on email, its websites and Twitter to communicate with members and the rest of the world. We realise that this doesn't work for everyone: if you need extra information by post let us know.

If you have an email address make sure we have it secretary@cardiffcivicsociety.org.

Websites are:

www.cardiffcivicsociety.org (for news and information about events)

www.cardiffpartnerships.org (for news of events about the partnerships work)

<http://cardiffpartnerships.wikispaces.com/> for the Wiki on developing Cardiff

We Tweet at twitter.com/cardiffcivicsoc

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Events diary

Events are arranged at different times and cost and some are advance tickets only.

Glamorgan Records office

An opportunity for just 25 people to have a guided tour and talk at the new Glamorgan Record Office, Leckwith, Cardiff.

6-8pm Tuesday 30 November: tickets required - book online or post

The Masonic Hall, Cardiff, music and the freemasons - buffet event



A very special occasion for members and friends: post holiday buffet evening at Cardiff's Masonic Hall. A guided tour of this unique building followed by a finger buffet supper accompanied by a talk

by Simon Rees, Welsh National Opera dramaturge on the freemasons and music. Two special events together.

Tuesday 18 January 2011 7pm onwards booking required - online or post



How Green is the Senedd?

Meet the Environment minister and hear how Wales is tackling climate

change and how WAG's own building meets the carbon neutral challenge. Limited tickets and advance booking essential.

Tuesday 15 February 2010 from 10am

Seeing things: a new series @Chapter

Expert illustrated talks followed by audience discussion. Grab a drink from the bar and join in! All in the Media Space @ Chapter Arts, Canton 6-8pm

Wednesday 2nd March 2011 a post St David's Day talk on Welsh sculptor Sir

William Goscombe John by Elaine Davey
Tuesday 5 April 2011: *Art for free*, Cardiff's Public Art, a visual tour by former art critic (and CCS chair) Peter D Cox

Tuesday 3 May 2011 *Landscapes for living* illustrated talk and discussion on the natural environment that surrounds you by landscape architect Lorraine Corcscadden.



Cardiff Local Development
Plan 2006-2026

Delivery Agreement Consultation Draft
response by Cardiff Civic Society