The loosest of guidelines for Public Art project in Chichester South linked to Section 106 Funds from Bartholomews

Location:

Ideally the public art is located in Chichester South. Chichester South has 3 public green spaces - the Whyke Amphitheatre, Florence Park and the Whyke Oval around Hay Road on the Whyke Estate. The Whyke Residents' Association is considering all three sites at the moment. Florence Park is the nearest to where the new housing is going in which has delivered the money from the Bartholomews planning application.

Theme:

The theme is open at the moment. There could be something in Chichester South that inspires you - for example the Planetarium is based in Chichester South. The 106 monies are linked with the Bartholomews company that has over 100 year history of working in the city. I have asked Bartholomews if they want to contribute ideas to the art work or get involved in any way. Whyke Amphitheatre is an important under-used site in the city that could be celebrated with public arts money.

Engagement:

Ideally the art involves the wider community in some way. I have contacted the schools (Rumboldswhyke/St Richard's/High School and Kingsham) to ask them if they would like their young people to be involved. I have also contacted St George's Church. Perhaps speaking to the children or doing a workshop might be a good idea if feasible or if this is something you would be comfortable with.

Material:

There is no set material but obviously the work has to be weather resistant. But the art could be ephemeral or natural as all options are on the table.

Local Connection:

We would ideally like to work with a local artist so that we have closer links rather than with someone who doesn't have any connections or knowledge of the local area.

Funds:

I am aware there isn't a lot of money for this project (compared to the sum available recently to Donnington Parish Council for example). We would be grateful to receive rough outlines of costings.

I am very happy to discuss on the phone if this interests you. I will have to put a case to the Finance Committee of the City Council so sadly there is no 100% guarantee that any ideas put forward will be accepted.

Please share widely and spread the word among the artist community in Chichester.

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