

Save Our Stute meeting 12/02/2020 - Minutes

In attendance: KA (in chair), DR, ST, SC, LK, AK, PH, JR, TH, DG

Apologies from Colin White, Michelle Armstrong and Dene Clarke
Minutes approved and actions from last meeting involved rescheduling Volunteer Day to 1st March.

FL - financial update

Fred was unavailable to give an update due to personal circumstances. KA to check with Fred on what progress had been made at accountants.

Spruce up (inside)

PPG to provide paint and man hours on weekend of 7th/8th March. MA to ask for volunteers on FB page
Carpets to You coming to measure up for new lounge carpet with a view to doing us a deal. Group recommended getting another 2 quotes for due diligence. PH said he'd help with this.

Spruce up (outside - car park)

A lot of vegetation has been burned. We need to continue to clear rubbish on volunteer day. Fence needs mending, PH showed the group figures and costings for fence panels from MKM

ACTION (all) - volunteer day, Sunday 1st March 9.30-12.30

ACTION (DR) - promotion needs to stay sturdy footwear, protective gloves, rakes, tools welcome

Building

Much has been said about the lighting outside of the building. JR offered to ask an electrician friend to come and offer advice / quote as to what lighting might be best and costs

Reminders were given about logging volunteer hours!

ACTION - Volunteer hours can be logged via SRI website (DR to sort)

Events - after reviews

Quiz night - another successful night which was well attended though not much money raised. LK pointed out that not all events need to be big money raisers, it's more important to keep people coming to events and enjoying them and hope that bar takings improve.

Melting Pot - massive success, the event sold out and made money for the group (£678) and put lots of money behind the bar. CW wrote a piece on his reflections of the event and the promotion of it which KA read out to the group.

Events for Promotion

Quiz (Feb 14th) - Sue and Dene hosting

Kids' disco - Polly doing the door but needs helpers

Happy Medium - 21 tickets sold out of 85 so far

Back to the 80s night - Tickets selling well (DR and KA doing for free so 100% profit)

St. Patrick's Sunday - free event, DR and KA providing music and flags

KA provided the group with an up to date list of all events added to July 2020

Meeting updates

Chamber of trade - meeting at The Institute on 25th Feb

Committee meeting - AGM was discussed. To be held on Mon 30th March at 7pm. Members encouraged to attend, need to bring membership cards.

Friends of S and DR - Replica of Royal George hoping to be built to run along the line at Shildon

Brussleton Incline Group - Clean-up of area around signal on Byerley Rd (next to care home) - volunteers welcome and sleeper stones being laid in the coming weeks / months

AOB

Beer festival - possibly needs own special meeting in order to get properly organised? Invited Paul Dobson (Sobs)

ACTION - DR to invite him and sort

Darlington Magazine Monthly Publication - leave until next meeting so that Michelle can inform us properly about what is involved.

Square Card Reader for events - review later in the year, may come in useful at events such as the beer festival.

Chair for next meeting on 11th March - Dave R