

Save Our Stute meeting 10/02/2021

In attendance: Dave Reynolds (in chair), Hazel Johnson, Trevor Horner, Jane Hackworth-Yong, Kelly Ambrosini, Sue Clarke, Dene Clarke, John Raw.

Apologies from Colin White, Michelle Armstrong, Anthony Knight, Lisa Knight

Minutes approved and actions from last meeting

Queries regarding minutes: Two Trevors listed - just Trevor Horner!

Financial update

Current total in account £262.82. **ACTION: SC planning on preparing end of year accounts to give accountants.** Worried that accountant's bill will be more than we have in account. Planning on getting rid of Quikbooks - not seeing benefit of this service. DR queried when the accountant bill would be due. **ACTION: SC to broach him about this.**

Volunteer hours update

Only a few hours logged. DR to log hours retrospectively. Chair asked whether the Memorial Research Project volunteers could log hours and DC agreed that these hours should definitely be logged as these hours are adding value to the overall project. **ACTION: ALL memorial researchers to add volunteer hours for this retrospectively.**

Committee update

No recent committee meetings. Hoping to hold a committee meeting / SHA directors' meeting virtually / by phone conference on Tuesday 16th February 2021

Vision document

KA wanted to place on record thanks for the enormous amount of work that has gone into producing this document as it will certainly benefit our project. Everyone in the meeting agreed as to how impressive this document is.

Spruce up of entrance

KA mentioned that we have paint (primer) ready to start the cover up of the melamine boards in the entrance way. Dates will be sent out for possible volunteer days to help improve the entrance. **KA to send a list of possible dates / info.** **UPDATE: Decorating will commence once new lotto machines have been installed.**

War memorial research project update

KA gave an update about the project and informed the meeting about the progress that the group have made. JR suggested that the project be complete by Remembrance Day 2021 and descendants invited to a ceremony at the Institute to conclude and commemorate this. DR suggested the possibility of a brass band to help celebrate this. JHY advised that she is aware of a document at Search Engine (NRM) and Alison Kay, the curator, might be able to help us access this. DR advised that Rob Langham (Historical author) is willing to give a talk on the NER in WW1, relating nicely to the project.

ACTION: KA to send JHY the list of names on memorial to pass to Alison Kay

SHA directors update

MA still not registered as a director. **ACTION: SC to take some time to sort this.**

External groups updates:

Brusselton Incline Group - JR is keen to hire the Institute for the 4th September for an exhibition following the unveiling of the installation at the Mason's Arms Crossing.

TH reported that FSDR are looking for more groups to take portions of the route to watch over and represent. This is something that SHA could help with. SC agreed that SHA are in a position to help to take responsibility for this and added that it's an extra 'string to our bow'. JHY suggested that we should connect with people from the Friends of the NRM and Locomotion to see how we can work together on this. **ACTION: DR to contact the Friends of the NRM and Sarah Price from Locomotion.**

FSDR - JHY reported that herself and Matthew Pease (direct descendent of Edward Pease) have been made president and vice president of the FSDR. JHY has a press release to go out about her ambassadorial role for the FSDR in an educational capacity. She stressed the importance of raising the profile in the press about all of our groups.

Niall Hammond - DR has had an exchange of emails and calls about possible funding that can be achieved. There are 3 levels of grant that can be applied for, two of which we aren't eligible for but the one we are able to apply for is an 'interim grant'. This wouldn't cover building work or repairs but would instead help to develop the case of the Institute being a possible heritage investment. This could be an amount in the region of £10,500 and £100,000.

DR has formulated a list of ideas as a possible 'shopping list'. **ACTION: DR to send this list out to members of the group for information.**

Area action partnership - DR has spoken to Andrew Walker from the AAP who reported that our organisation type possibly wouldn't be able to access any funds, though there may be some COVID recovery money that we can access from April this year.

Eddisons - DR reported that Eddisons contacted Wendy Benson at DCC. She doesn't see us as a commercial project so will not commit to helping us with a large amount of money because the Institute's asset value is so low. DR is having a meeting with her next week with an intent to asking for some smaller grants for specific purposes, e.g. repairing the stage roof.

AOB

DR has spoken to Anthony Coulls of Locomotion about trying to track things down that used to belong to the Institute, e.g. portraits. DR is making a document which lists all of the possessions that we currently own and could potentially own. Again, JHY highlighted how this could be a wonderful press story.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday 10th March at 7:15pm via Zoom