

Save Our Stute meeting 15/01/2020

Minutes from last meeting are not available due to technical issues due to absent members and will be dealt with at next meeting.

ST appointed to take minutes from this meeting

FL financial update

£4360 Bank balance, some movement due while cheques get cashed etc.

+£555 since last meeting

-125 and -145 out to debtors

£1500 owed to DR re: beer festival - committee in favour of clearing this after Melting Point gig

Unknown amount owed to solicitors

DR spruce up (inside)

PPG volunteered to provide paint and man hours.

PPG have asked for more information regards paint m² needed

DR spruce up (outside - car park)

We have had some help from STC in clearing vegetation.

We have some flytipping needs clearing.

Need volunteer day to sort and clear the rest.

Needs weedkilling early spring.

Need to identify any trees that anyone has any will to retain - we may wait till spring to better identify them.

ACTION (all) - volunteer day, Sunday 9th February 9.30-12.30

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

DR review of building - future plans

At the last meeting we agreed to use the money we have to attract match funding for the surveys we need.

Possible finding streams may include heritage lottery fund - the masons

Need to keep track of volunteer hours as it counts as funding in kind.

ACTION - Dene will keep a volunteer hours spreadsheet.

Events for promotion

DR - **Quiz night** - all ready, plenty of volunteers and raffle prizes available (contact Sue or Michelle)

CW - **Melting Pot** - flyers all delivered, I have posters if anyone wants one or can suggest a venue.

FL - do we need a duty rota? MW - we seem to be doing ok as we are ST - please tell me if any there is cover needed

Dene and Sue - running **Valentines quiz** - everything going well.

MW - **Happy Medium** - everything going well.

DR - 80s night - everything going well.

March quiz - Race night? DR we might be able to pull together a race night from our last pack

DR - we have loyal quiz following so best to keep race night separate (13th march)

ACTION - defer discussion about race night until next meeting

ACTION - whoever is able to go to 26th January committee meeting will try and get committee on board with race night

ACTION - Dene to investigate how to display race DVD on all the tvs in the premises so bar can participate in race night

Ceilidh - perhaps marketing groups include folk scene, religious groups, dance groups

ACTION - ticket price set at £5, tickets limited at 100, food made available to purchase

1940s local history group benefit - booked Sheree and Quartz 4th April

Needs help making bunting

ACTION - ST to consider the volunteer project for making bunting.

ACTION - Dave to thrash out more detailed plans for next meeting.

St Georges Day - 24th April - fish and chip supper in the bar

Meeting updates

Chamber of trade - next week

Committee meeting - Lisa and Sue not here to feed back but we trust that everything went well.

AOB -

Bishop FM interested in coming along and running some music quizzes. Door wide open.

Are there any other charities we could support/work with? Other heritage groups?

Brusselton Incline group

Gerald Slack - works number 2 banner

Shildon History Recall society

Flyer review - effectiveness: Dene says 7-10% conversion so can we think about how best to get marketing effectiveness data

George Stephenson cottage - Can we connect with them to swap marketing materials?

Legal relationship between us and the Institute - talk to Nick from Redhills and Durham Sparks

Rotating chair - is it working well? generally agreed that it's working well as is.

Accounts

ACTION - FL to engage accountant.

Chair for next meeting 12th February - Kelly - apologies in advance from CW and MW who have a family engagement