

## **Save Our Stute meeting 11/08/2021**

In attendance: LK (in chair), KA, DR, SC, AK, HK, TH, CW, JR, JHY, ST

Apologies: Dene Clarke, Michelle Armstrong, Catherine Howard

Minutes approved from last meeting. It was agreed that most actions would be carried over from the last meeting as most people had been busy with other commitments.

### **Actions to be carried over:**

- SC and KA to meet re: Remembrance weekend
- AK to create pull up banners for Rail Heritage Exhibition – COMPLETE
- AK to promote the Vision Document more widely
- SC to ask the committee to put the question of wider membership on the agenda of a future meeting
- DR to sort online ticketing – COMPLETE
- DR to regularly send reminders about members updating volunteer hours

### **SC - financial update**

Total in bank is £1140.11. SC to find out why the cheque for the accountants' bill was returned. SC reported that there would be a late charge payment for the accounts being late. A second signature is required for the account and AK volunteered to do this.

### **DC – Volunteer hours update**

There were 15 hours logged for June and 50 hours logged for July. Please remember to log hours! Members that volunteered at the Little Big Meeting can log 1/3 of their hours for that day as volunteer hours.

### **Committee Update**

CW reported that the last meeting was upbeat and positive. A large screen and projector will be purchased to screen sporting events, the computer system will be looked at by a local firm to help with membership processing, etc., quotes for the damaged wall will be looked at, as well as quotes to clear and tidy the car park. Sky Sports will possibly be reinstated (UPDATE – this has been actioned. Costs are £81 per week) The football club members have said they will be contributing to the cost of this. A band has been booked by the committee for November (The Scandals) and will have a £7 door charge.

### **Events update**

KA reported that all events held so far – Quingo, Karaoke, G and Tea and Singing Group – were all positively received and will all continue to run regularly. The Singing Group has had a steady start, despite being started during the summer / holiday season. Hopefully this will continue to grow with good promotion / word of mouth.

JR informed the group about the plans for the Rail Heritage Exhibition and outlined the schedule for the day. The Women's group members present agreed to look after the catering for this event.

The group agreed that we need to work hard to promote the Erik and the Vikings event – help with posterage / leafleting needed.

Extra – Hazel's Fundraiser for a 24 Defibrillator, Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Sept

KA made the group aware of this event and asked for donations for tombola, bottle stall, raffle, etc. Women's group to help with the organising of the event on the day and take a couple of stalls.

CW explained that the group Melting Pot would be interested in playing another show, and the group agreed that sometime early in 2022 would be preferable.

### **SHA Directors update – no update**

### **Feedback from external groups**

B.I.G. – TH outlined progress at Mason's Arms Crossing and how the hope is that DCC will landscape the site. JHY praised JR for getting other groups going from along the line and working on their various sections.

TH asked about the likelihood of getting more volunteers to take care of the stretch from beyond the crossings to the museum boundary – DR suggested using the Town Crier as a vehicle for attracting volunteers.

FSDR – JHY highlighted the importance of DCC / SBC and DBC to work together to make 2025 a success and said that SBC were not complying. Also mentioned that Daniel Adamson's House needs some attention.

Good news was reported in that the Soho Shed, Timothy Hackworth's house and the Coal Drops are now Grade 2\* - For information purposes, around 5.8% of listed buildings are Grade 2\* which are considered as particularly important buildings of more than special interest. Great news for Shildon!  
The next meeting of the FSDR is on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

G5 Loco Group – have expressed an interest in using the Institute as a conference centre.

#### **AOB**

SC highlighted that a poster on the board outside would be useful to highlight contact details, website address, etc. Maybe include a QR code?

ST said that she has in her possession some Royal British Legion memorabilia and the Shildon Women's Labour Party banner – could the Stute house these?

The subject of the meeting room upstairs being revamped and decorated was discussed and it was agreed that we should have another series of volunteer days to address this, as well as making the smaller end room usable as well.

Wizard and Typhoon group – this group are now ready to disband and assets will be moved to the SHA.

AAP – another round of funding has become available and the group will look to access some funds for COVID recovery through the Singing Group and possibly through providing some exercise activities. The group agreed that we may well meet the criteria of helping mental health and wellbeing, as well as social isolation.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7:15**