

Save Our Stute Monthly Meeting 14th July 2021

Attendees:- Dave Reynolds (Chair), Kelly Ambrosini, Colin White, Michelle Armstrong (minutes), Samantha Townsend, John Raw, Robert Aldworth (decorator), Sue Clarke (dial in), Dene Clarke (dial in)

Apologies:- Anth Knight, Lisa Knight, Jane Hackworth Young, Trevor Horner

DR introduced the group and outlined the SOS campaign and its objectives to Robert. Group then gathered at the top of the stairs and discussed options for redecorating the stairwell and landings, listening to Robert's suggestions for best cost effective solutions. General initial agreement to seal then plaster over existing wallpaper and then paint in a neutral colour scheme that ties in with existing palette (i.e. grey, red black). Price of scaffolding expected to be in region of £1200.00 plus VAT (Auckland Scaffolding). Robert will get back to us with a quote for decoration on top of that. Understanding that this is not something we can afford right now but be good to have a target for fundraising.

Minutes review

ACTIONS outstanding

- DR to invoice SHA with long payment date
- SC to share SHA online folder
- AK to create promo for vision document
- KA & SC to meet re Remembrance weekend
- SC – remote membership to progress with the committee
- DR – to ask neighbour re mini digger

Online ticket trial – will do with Erik & Vikings

Volunteer hours link confirmed as working

ACTION – members to re log any hours 15/05 onwards

Financial update

Current balance £1060.00 with some cash to bank (from SC and KA).

SC - accounts posted to companies house 06/07 with £125 cheque for corporation tax (**update 06/08 accounts have been filed**). Accountant bill £1200.00 30 days to pay plus a late fee to Companies House (TBC).

ACTION – SC to circulate a plan to pay the accountant's bill.

DR – we will discuss hiring a different accountant going forward.

ACTION – ST to send SC info on an accountant her organisation has used.

DR – RMT are paying £198.00 for the event we hosted, they insisted. They also want to come back for a small meeting in July.

Volunteer hours update

ACTION – DC to present in August.

ACTION – DR to set up an automated reminder email.

CR – update on email subscription stats – opening rate increasing week on week (59, 66, 68, 93 out of 108 subscribers).

Upcoming events

Rail Heritage Exhibition (Sept)

JR – concerned re COVID roadmap & sudden loss of all restrictions. 14 event tables filled. Alan Elwood will present a talk and Sam Slatcher/ Rosie will perform a couple of songs. DR – has a lot of photos to project on the stage.

Little Big Meeting (now past)

Other events

Little Big Meeting after party – acoustic duo booked, pie & pea supper arranged.

KA – SOS must be mindful not to book out the calendar & leave plenty space for members to book.
21/08 – Hazel planning to hold a fundraiser for a community defibrillator (**update: pushed back to September**).

ACTION - DR to look at a date for a race night for September.

ACTION – CW to ask Bosko Green re entertainment after Little Big Meeting/ another date.
Discussion on punk nights.

Major bid strategy

DR - No to first attempt but received lots of valuable feedback and that they would look at us again. Niall Hammond has offered to meet with us to talk about developing small ideas that tie in together for mutual benefit so we can present a joint approach – Locomotion, Friends, Redhills etc.

ACTION – DR to set the meeting up – October?

DR - we need to look at community lottery funding and look at doing some market research/ restart the 'what's the big idea' project/ survey.

AOB

Choir – needs advertising with flyers

Memorial wall – needs revisiting

CW – re Jimmy's funeral fund raising – ask Polly what she would like the money spent on.

DR – received an email from N Mallion re London Uni studies – would like to speak to Shildon people re their views on how the community has changed since the closure of the Works.

Next meeting Wednesday 11th August 2021 7.30pm at the Stute