

Minutes Meeting Wed 16th June 2021

Attendees:- Michelle Armstrong, Colin White, Samantha Townsend, Kelly Ambrosini, David Reynolds, John Raw, Sue Clarke, Dene Clarke

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

Review of last month's minutes

- *PL Insurance* - obtained for the Little Big Meeting (LBM) under SHA. He will share the doc in a central location. DR personally covered the cost as decided that it wasn't fair to ask Eldon Drift Banner Group to cover it when the SHA will be using it for their own purposes after LBM. Everyone in agreement that SHA will refund DR.

ACTION – DR to invoice SHA.

ACTION – SC to share SHA folder for the facility of sharing documents.

- *Wider promotion of the Vision document (VD)* –

ACTION – AK yet to do.

ACTION (completed) – MA to share link to VD on FB page.

ACTION (completed) CW to test *membership email address*.

ACTION (completed) – KA to send CW copy on *memorial project*.

ACTION – KA and SC to meet re *Remembrance Weekend*. DR has done some planning already.

JR & DR discussion on importance of involving Eldon.

- *Spectre Detectors* – booked for 21/10

- *Online ticket trial*

ACTION – to look into the possibility of having the evening of LBM event as a trial.

- *Remote Stute membership* – committee are amenable

ACTION – SC to present at next committee meeting.

Financial update

A healthy balance of £866.00. ST has donated to SHA cover the accountant's bill (to be paid back to her later) and has a recommendation of an accountant to use next year. We are overdue filing the accounts due to the accountant's tardiness and their lack of comms.

Volunteer hours

ACTION – DR to check the web link to email is working for logging purposes as Dene hasn't received any alerts since last meeting (mid May).

Committee meeting update

Spoke about remote membership (see above), an amnesty on subs for 2021. Discussion on asking to meet with SOS Thurs night 17/06 regarding ongoing restrictions. (*didn't happen*)

JR – asked re AGM – a date hasn't been set because the accounts haven't been published yet.

SOS discussion re SOS joining the committee this year – general consensus this is a good idea to drive our vision forward and encourage good (better) practice.

Review reopening/ events

Quingo – good night/ next one ready.

G&Tea booked for 03/07 – will discuss at next Institute Women meeting. Later postponed to 31/07 due to Euro quarter finals.

Review of colour wall

Meeting with Katie re long COVID fitness group. Hazel is keen to progress and has all necessary qualifications and insurances in place. Idea is group will be run on a pay as you feel basis and a funding bid(s) will be put in to raise money for costs.

Community singing group – good turn out at the drop in session on 21/06, contact details taken for attendees. Page set up on SRI website.

Digitising book – 17/250 pages completed – a slow, labour intensive process. Lots of interesting stuff uncovered. DR spoke about a friend of Timothy Hackworth's Mr Denton, who ended up abroad with an amazing career. Discussion around publicising such stories around the Stute for inspirational value (i.e. the sons and daughters of Shildon etc)

NLHF expression of interest – DR submitted this at the end of May. (update – 'rejection' was received with lots of valuable advice and suggestions for future applications)

RMT meeting – going ahead with 30-40 including the president expected to attend. Photo opportunities.

Car park spruce up – **ACTION** – DR to ask contact re a mini digger.

Website calendar – **ACTION** – DR to to reinstate.

Institute Women – Craft project for LBM – make a banner and silk flags with the names of all the Shildon collieries on. (update – progressing really well).

Little Big Meeting – Marras have paid £1000.00 to Eldon Community Partnership. Shildon DCC councillors have pledged £330.00 each. Total budget circa £2000.00. Shildon Town Council are providing their services e.g. hire of marquees free of charge. Unfortunately there will be no road or footpath parade due to cost and red tape. 'Plan C' is a parade around the football field with banners and the band static.

AOB

Sponsorship of the window boxes – Residents Association are keen to help fund the continuation of the window boxes. Discussion around inviting individual sponsorship to help boost the funds. The Knights have designed and bought a sample wagon plate style sign as an idea. (*conversation ongoing on logistics of the idea*)

Next meeting Wed 14th July at the Stute.