

Save Our Stute Monthly Meeting – 8th June 2022

Attendees: Dave Reynolds (chair), Michelle Armstrong, Colin White, Paul Harle, Kelly Ambrosini (minutes), Sue Clarke and Shaun Thompson

Apologies: Lisa Knight, Anth Knight, John Raw, Trevor Horner, Jane HY, Samantha Townsend, Dene Clarke.

Minutes – accepted. Some actions still to be addressed: C34 form to have some amendments made. PH made some suggestions about stage repairs, need looking at with Selwyn.

Financial update

Current balance around £4200

SC –Accounts on track for submission

Volunteer hours update

Hours logged for May – 36 hours. Group were reminded to log any outstanding hours

Upcoming / previous events

June Quingo – Quiz is written. Quiz goers will be asked about whether they still enjoy this format or would prefer an alternative

Breakfast Club – sales at break-even point

Heritage Rail Event (17th July) – JR not at meeting to discuss. DR informed the group that the posters and hand fliers were due from the printers imminently.

Guides' Fayre – LK asked for the message to be relayed in the meeting to thank all volunteers that helped to make the Guides' Fayre a big success

Jubilee Weekend – group agreed that all events and the weekend as a whole was a big success. Again, a big thanks given to all who volunteered their time and effort to make it a success.

Future events discussed involved ceilidhs, big band night, soul / motown night and rock night.

Heritage Compass update

DR updated the group on the course so far. He discussed how the last session was working with a 'critical friend' and how they would like a meeting with some others in the group. This person has suggested that the SHA does more documenting on who SHA are and what they do.

DR also reported how the SHA and SRI need to work together more to have any chance of achieving big money bids. The meeting on 27th between SRI and SOS will detail how this can be achieved.

Tracey Emery from Durham Community Action has been involved in similar projects to ours and would be prepared to come to a meeting to discuss ideas. **ACTION: DR to organise a mutually convenient time.**

Committee update

ST reported a healthy financial status (£32,000) in bank. He also reported that the calendar is becoming full with events and bookings.

The gents' urinals are to be replaced to hopefully stop leaking. Selwyn and Adam to install.

Energy prices have risen drastically. Suggestions around putting sensors in toilets and moving to LED were given. PH offered some insulation for the cellar.

CW reported a new night for the Stute – 'The Forge'. This was previously a monthly night at Old Shildon Club.

AOB

- DR has renewed PLI. SC will reimburse from SOS funds.

Next meeting Wednesday 13th July at 7.15pm, middle room, first floor, SRI