

### Save Our Stute Monthly Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022, ('middle room' on first floor)

**Attendees:-** Sue Clarke (Chair), Dene Clarke, Kelly Ambrosini, Michelle Armstrong (minutes), John Raw, Trevor Horner, Dave Reynolds, Lisa Turnbull

**Apologies:-** Colin White, Jane Hackworth Young, Samantha Townsend, Lisa Knight, Anth Knight, Catherine Howard

**Welcome** - to Lisa Turnbull attending for the first time/ became involved through organising the Mews Reunion event in Feb 2022. Lives in Bishop Auckland, has worked 30+ years at St Johns school, Shildon therefore has strong ties and connections with the town. Vast experience of event management and campaigning with a strong interest in promoting local history in school.

**Minutes review** - accepted

#### **Financial update**

Current balance £2,942.10 with some cash held back for floats.

SC – quote from the accountant for this year's final accounts = £1050.00

**ACTION** – SC will speak to ST re finding another accountant more suited to CICs

SC – request passed on from Polly Ord that the money raised in Jimmy Dinning's name at the upcoming fundraiser be used for the redecoration of the stairwell.

#### **Volunteer hours update**

**ACTION** – DC to update next month. Reminder to the group to log their hours.

**Meeting updates** – none of any note.

#### **Upcoming events**

**March Quingo** – JR has written the quiz.

**ACTION** – MA to send DR spotify playlist for Pop Bingo.

**Bomber Benefit (19/03)** – 50 tickets sold so far.

**Danielle The Happy Medium** – slow uptake compared to previous bookings. LT shared some valuable insight on when best to flood social media (work smarter).

**The mOObs (08/04)** – again, very slow ticket sales – multiple factors at play i.e. unknown act, cost of living crisis etc.

#### **Heritage Compass update**

**ACTION** – DR to cascade to the group via email info on action points – understanding our members, membership audit, discussion on tracking footfall with a digital counter.

**ACTION** – DR to update/ present at a future SRI committee meeting re an audience engagement strategy.

#### **Team Development**

DR suggests we move toward 2 separate teams – 1 to concentrate on events & the other to concentrate on funding applications.

MA – can we pick Judith's (Singers group) brains? DR – Judith is tied up but may be able to signpost us.

KR – suggests we do a press release to attract more SOS campaign members.

DR – been advised to contact DCAT (Durham Community Action Trust) to help us with formalising a constitution.

#### **AOB**

**KR** – reports of **vandalism** – damaged/ missing wooden fence panels on car park perimeter and damaged roof above the stage. Discussion on anti vandalism e.g. paint. JR – has some signs to that effect and has offered them up to use.

Discussion on the **skip hire** with a view to having a major clear out of the first floor.

**ACTION** – DR to speak to P Harle.

**JR - B.I.G.** – in contact with a guy wanting to find a space to display a model of S&DR approx. 12/13 metres long. Discussion on if feasible to display in the SRI. Initial thoughts without any further info to consider = no.

**DR - Shildon Institute Singers** have been involved with a recording project ran by Citizen Songwriters – very much enjoyed by all.

**DR - Historic England** have grants available up to £10K for community groups in collaboration with other community groups. Suggestion to make an oral history film about Shildon and its heritage. Hiring Graham Kay – professional sound guy and partnering with school(s) so that the kids can learn about film making whilst learning about the subject. LT (HLTA)– very keen for St Johns school to be involved.

**Next meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 7.15pm, middle room, first floor, SRI**