

Attendees: J Raw, P Harle, D Reynolds, K Ambrosini, C White, M Armstrong, S Townsend

Apologies: L Knight, A Knight, L Turnbull, T Horner, D Clarke, S Clarke, J Hackworth Young

Review minutes/ actions carried forward

- The Revamps - provisionally Sat 4th Feb TBC Steve
- DCC - grants. DR contacted Mitchell Kent but needs a follow up
- Library - AK liaised with J Laurie. Due to circumstances the book collection has been postponed. Imminent.

Financial update

- SC - £1650 in bank + £295 cash to bank (Rosie to pay)
- Filing of the accounts - SC sent them to companies House by recorded delivery but they haven't yet cashed the cheque

Action - KA to transfer Wizard & Typhoon money

Action - Vol hours - DC to confirm.

- ST made a relevant point - we should be recording room hire even if we don't charge it in the way that we record volunteer hours.

Events

- Forge nights - next one 5th Nov.
- CW - 60+ there at the last one, naturally building
- JR when is the Ska Sunday? - next one in 11th December 2-6pm
- KA another Live Lounge in the pipeline? CW to book the next one, someone in mind
- Poppy appeal launch 21st Oct - flyers are out around the local streets
- Northern Soul night - 22nd Oct - had a lot of interest on Facebook. DR will lend CD machine

Action - MA to send DR a graphic

- Darlington Big Band - slow seller - flyers are out around the local streets
- Traditional Quiz in the lounge 4th Nov
- Remembrance - 12th Nov ask at Institute Women to bake. Trimdon brass band in the hall afterwards

JR - has inherited some postcards from WW1 - will fetch to the Remembrance
KA playing last post

- Xmas fayre - will discuss at IW. Rosie said the choir will sing.
- Members Xmas party 9th Dec from 6pm - tickets £2 redeemable against first drink - food, entertainment, games, crackers, music
- Shamrocks 17th Dec

Action - MA to organise tickets DR to organise posters

Future acts

CW - enquiry Skabeats £1050 Jan/ Feb 1200 - too expensive

DR - Button band - possibly a bar band

PH - Byers green pub have professionals for nothing. MA - could do an open mic

KA - possibly look at booking the cheese man for next year as a fundraiser for the RBL.

Heritage compass update

KA - the last session with Kath Hume was how to attract & engage with audiences. Kath is guiding us through the process with a view to writing a business plan.

DR - 1st part of the business plan course was today, 2nd session tomorrow afternoon.

Action- DR to circulate the notes afterwards

Wizard & Typhoon project 2023

- DR - we merged the above group with SHA last year but the last project was with Greenfield community college in 2020. Since a concert at Ushaw College in 2018, DR would like to bring the music home & produce a project in Shildon - have a concert at the Civic Hall & live stream it worldwide. Hold local workshops and a film. NASWUT have shown a lot of interest, Michael Chaplin (son of Sid) would like to do the writing, Steve Robson would like to compose the music & Graham Kay the video capture & live stream. DR has spoken to Heritage lottery & they say it's a good case for funding. Question: would SHA give permission to do this? Approx price £15K. Alison Lister professional fundraiser will write the application. Those in attendance agreed.
- ST - suggestion to reach out to Hartlepool folk festival to come and talk about their experiences. She will contact them.
- DR - is in touch with Tom Bulch in Australia grandson of the famous composer. He would like him to have the chance to listen to his grandfather's music in his home town.

Recap of DCAT meeting

MA - explained events to date. AGM Mon 17th to put the charity idea to the members.

KR - there are rumours around SRI bankruptcy in the community.

AOB

- Someone from the old time dancing group donated a 1976 NUR rule book.
- JR - who owns these books that are coming. DR - SHA owns them/ custodians.
- ST - 2025 put a good word in with DCC. Ted talk type conferences - Sam emailed woman responsible
- DR - choir project- needs some help measuring metrics. Example - showing it on social media & reporting on engagement.
- DR - wreaths are ready, would anyone like to represent the SHA?

Next meeting Wednesday 9th December 2022