



## Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### Welcome and Apologies

Present: Patrick Candler, Derek Wileman, Sue Longden, Julia Hodson, David Newport,

Pat Richards, Anne Garfoot

Apologies: Rachel Evans.

### 2. Minutes of 05.06. 2017

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

### 3. Matters Arising

Byronathon meeting rescheduled from 25<sup>th</sup> May until 10<sup>th</sup> August

### 4. Finance Matters - income/spending

DW distributed update of financial statement. NUGs invoice paid. £3893.01 left to spend.

DW suggested introducing membership e-ticket to cut down on time and costs.

Agreed in principle by committee.

### 5. Fundraising

PC still in contact with John Darlington re Richard and Bill Equart (?) and their expressed interest in visiting Newstead Abbey with a view to a donation towards NAP fundraising.

Newstead Abbey is still in the top three priority for funding for the WMF.

NAP has approx. £125,000. Need to raise approx. £400,000.

Bid will be submitted for WMF to match any shortfall in fundraising.

Action: DW to check with bank if NAP can deposit a large amount in the event of a successful bid.

PC reported that the visit by Christian Furr (artist) to Newstead Abbey along with Karen Richardson was cancelled due to Karen's personal family situation. Rearranged date not yet secured.

PC visited Col. David Sneath who was inaugurated as High Sheriff in Newstead Abbey, by Sir John Peace the Lord Lieutenant, to inform him of NAP and what they do. NAP will contact him for support in any event they have at Newstead. A tour of the site was proposed.

PR enquired if Geoffery Bond, Deputy Lieutenant had been approached for support.

Miranda Seymour of Thrumpton Hall was also suggested as a potential interested party.

PC said that Sherwood Forest Trust as part of their Lottery funding could support funding work at Newstead Abbey.

## **6. West Front Project**

Approval for work needs securing from English Heritage so that once money is raised work can go ahead.

WMF will give money to NAP . City Council does work as it is their site, council paid once work is completed.

## **7. Membership Events and Activities**

DN raised point that the NUG events should have been used more as an opportunity to promote NAP. A report from NUGs re the event is needed for our reference for community engagement by NAP.

ACTION : DN to enquire if NUG event props are now property of NAP.

**NAP membership programme of events for 2017/2018** is not currently available, DN pointed out need for more Executive Committee members also maybe % discount in parking or in coffee shop for members as incentive to join. It was suggested NAP need a programme organiser.

SL offered her time to organise events if she had help with event suggestions from committee.

PR added that an event once or twice a year was enough commitment for the committee.

Another Charles Watkins Lecture was suggested and an annual Garden Party .

Another suggestion was to host an Afternoon Tea with “Lord Byron” in attendance.

ACTION : SL agreed organisation of Afternoon Tea prior to AGM on September 4<sup>th</sup> in the Victorian Kitchen from 4 p.m. until 6.30 p.m. (DN confirmed that kitchen was available for Afternoon Tea AGM on Sept 4<sup>th</sup> and staff would provide the tea.)

It was agreed to invite Sandeep Mahal (Director, Nottingham Unesco City of Literature), Nigel Hawkins (City Council) and Matt Turpin to event to promote Byronathon in October 2018.

ACTION : DN to enquire if Jonathan Brown (member of staff) is available and willing to take the part of “Lord Byron” at Afternoon Tea.

PC to enquire if John Darlington or Richard or Bill would be available to attend.

### **Byronathon 2018**

Meeting for 25<sup>th</sup> May postponed until 10<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Japanese Garden Group**

PC confirmed that Phil Jones was keen to work with the new Head Gardener to restore the Japanese Gardens and suggested that they attend a NAP meeting to discuss the way forward.

## **8. Communication**

SL reported a very successful event at Mansfield Local History Fair on May 7<sup>th</sup>, with interest shown from Nottingham Building Preservation Trust and also Jane Harrison of Harrison Heritage.

Leaflets were distributed. PC thanked SL for her time and effort for attending this event.

ACTION : JH to source badges for members attending these events.

SL to attend another Local History Event at Nottingham University on July 8<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon. Talks begin at 11 a.m.

## **9. A.O.B.**

## **10. Schedule of meetings**

Meeting for planning Afternoon Tea and AGM (on Sept 4<sup>th</sup>) to be held on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m.

ACTION : Emma to arrange booking for room.

