



Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 14th August 2017

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Patrick Candler(PC), Sue Longden (SL), Julia Hodson (JH), David Newport (DN), Pat Richards (PR), Anne Garfoot (AG) , Karen Richardson (KR) , Jo Hunt (JoH), Rachel James (RJ).

Apologies : Ron Inglis, Rachael Evans.

2. Minutes of 14.08.17

The draft minutes were read. PC to edit and forward accurate version.

3. Matters Arising

ACTION: PC to get in touch with Geoffrey Bond.

NUGs at Newstead Abbey - although this was seen to be a successful event with pleasing visitor comments, the Committee was unsure of the benefits of repeating the event. We would need to be clearer as to the outcomes for NAP.

Gary Potts (Head Gardener) was unable to attend this meeting due to a training commitment. It was hoped that he could attend at a future date to update on the external grounds.

PC has spoken to Toyota re: funding and is due to meet with them on 10th October.

ACTION: RJ to speak to Gary Potts about his attending a future meeting and advise PC.

Derek Wileman entered meeting to handover the Financial Documents . PC will follow up with him about bank mandate details.

JH and DN are still official signatures on cheques.

4. AGM follow up

The financial year has now changed from April /May to September/August.

There was some debate as to how any financial support from English Heritage might be secured in order for works to start.

ACTION: RJ to confirm position as to the EH funding requirements and if matching is 50/50 and get back to PC.

ACTION: PC to provide written confirmation of current funding available through NAP.

ACTION: RJ to get Rachael Evans to get in touch with PC.

5. Finance

The latest financial statement has been updated by Derek Wileman and presented to the Committee.

6. Fund Raising

PC advised that JD is still in discussions with potential donors at the WMF. PC has been in touch with Mitch Stevenson who is interested in supporting NAP.

David Sneath and Christian Furr to be kept in the loop re: developments of funding.

KR has been sounding out a number of contacts who are interested in supporting Newstead Abbey. Graham Clegg to visit Abbey and spend time in Gardeners Cottage with view to promoting the Abbey.

7. West Front Project

No progress on this.

English Heritage are keen to exactly match the stone for repair works, but there is a difficulty in sourcing the right stone. KR advised that there is lots of stone overgrown in the Abbey grounds near the Gardeners Cottage.

JoH to investigate more about this stone and feed back.

8. Grounds Management

Japan has launched an International Project to upgrade and improve Japanese gardens around the world.

ACTION: PC to contact Charles Watkins and Graham Hardman of the Japanese Garden Society to look into possibility of Newstead's Japanese Gardens benefitting from this project.

9. NAP Programme for 2018

Our aim is to plan a programme of events for NAP members. Ideas suggested so far:

ACTION: PC to follow up a summer walk & talk about the Japanese Gardens with Charles Watkins.

ACTION: JH and DN to get in touch with Nottingham City of Literature Chief Executive Sandeep Mahal to verify developments so far with a view to NAP organising a Byronathon at the Abbey.

ACTION: DN – to contact Jim Granger, a photographer who produces Victorian glass prints has visited the site and is interested in working at the Abbey. This could be combined with the Christmas weekends at the Abbey.

ACTION: SL to research people who would be available to do demonstrations in the kitchen on Victorian cuisine.

10. Communications

Need to get information out to NAP members and encourage participation/help with events.

JoH to email Christmas Events at the Abbey to EG to be put onto the NAP website.

Photographs of NAP events to be added to website,

11. Dates of next meetings

Please note the change of date from Monday 27th November 2 pm. – 4 pm to 4th December.

Monday 15th January 2 pm. – 4 pm.

12. AOB SL suggested that new member Steven Walker may be interested in becoming involved on the Committee.