



Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 13th February 2017

Welcome and Apologies

Present: Patrick Candler, David Newport, Derek Wileman, Pat Richards, Sue Longden, Jo Hunt, Julia Hodson, Anne Garfoot

Apologies: Rachel James

Rachael Evans joined the meeting at 3.40 p.m.

The Committee introduced themselves to AG, taking the minutes for the first time at this meeting.

2. Minutes of 12th December 2016

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

PC informed the Committee of the recent sad news of the death of James Eady, a former member of NAP.

3. Matters Arising

PC has made contact with the Nottinghamshire Masons who do not fund building works.

RE had put together information for PC to forward to the London Grand Lodge, but no further contact had been received. It is fair to say that this funding route has been exhausted.

PC proposed communication with Phil Grafton (head gardener) regarding a talk to the Committee concerning NAP involvement in support/funding for Japanese Gardens. JH suggested email to Rachael James cc mo.allahi@nottinghamcity.gov.uk.

17th April date for meeting to be changed (Easter Monday).

4. Finance Matters - income/spending

DW updated finance and reported £3,536 available to spend.

DN has been contacted by Simon Withers from New Urban Gardeners (NUGS) re raising an invoice for first payment for events planned. The Committee agreed to first payment on receipt of invoice.

PC raised the issue of subscriptions for 2017/18. This will need further consideration.

5. Fundraising – West Front Project Report

PR enquired if the lead on fundraising had been clarified with NCC. PC replied that this was still a matter to be resolved.

PC had spoken to John Darlington from WMF regarding any news following the visit of John Loschert. JD was due to contact JL again when he was back in the country.

JD was also keen to pursue further potential contacts for funding and support for NAP involvement.

DN raised concerns regarding the further deterioration of the West Front while funds are being raised and if any urgent maintenance is necessary or possible in the interim.

PC has been in contact with Karen Richardson who is a keen NAP supporter and wants to be involved with Newstead Abbey fundraising. She has contact with artist Christian Furr who is planning to visit Newstead Abbey on 10th May with a view to considering how he might help with NAP fundraising. The idea of a black tie event in the Great Hall/Marquee may be a way to further this venture – this was left open for further discussion.

RE joined the meeting at 3.40 p.m. for an update on funding. £75,000 has been ring-fenced for the reinterpretation of the Gallery in the Abbey with a view to easier access for disabled people. This is due for completion in March 2018.

RE needs to be updated with details of how funding stands at the moment and what the short fall is from the £400,000 required for repair works, in order to put together a funding application to Historic England/English Heritage. Estimated funds at present are £115,000.

Nottingham City Council have surveyed the site and deem it to be secure at the present time.

7. Membership Events and Activities

NUGS have planned two weekend events for Newstead Abbey - 8th/9th April and 15th/16th April (Easter Weekend). NAP members are to be approached re: availability to support these events. Pop-up workshops/performances are planned for local villages to promote these events. NUGS will provide flyers and leaflets – PC raised point that NAP logo needs including as publicity on literature. This also needs updating on website.

NAP presence necessary at the NUGS weekends to promote NAP publicity and hand out literature – volunteers necessary - to be advised.

Action - Emma to contact NAP members with NUGS dates to ascertain volunteer availability.

The Symposium was briefly discussed and deferred.

SL supplied details of Local History Fairs in Mansfield and at Nottingham University as a vehicle for NAP publicity. Mansfield is 7th May from 11 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Nottingham University 8th July from 12 noon – 4 p.m. with a slot for a possible NAP presentation between 11 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. (possibly DN or PC).

DN and PR agreed to help SL on these dates.

Possible NAP events for 2017:

Behind the scenes tours at the Abbey
Invitation to VIP Launch of the re-interpretation of the Gallery
Any other ideas to be fed to PC for consideration

DN proposed addressing the slavery aspect of Newstead Abbey with reference to Col. Wildman as part of Black Arts Movement. JH expressed interest in involvement with this.

Nottingham City of Literature – JH to make contact with Chief Executive of the City of Literature with a view to introduction of NAP and any other routes of involvement as regards Byron.

8. Communications

PC has been in contact with Adam from 13 Souls re: flyer for NAP publicity. Quote received for design - £125 then £55 for a run of 1,000 copies of A4 leaflet folded to 1/3 A4.

The Committee agreed to go ahead after receipt and approval of proof.

It was agreed to thank Callum and acknowledge his involvement so far.

9. Charitable Status

PC and DN to meet to discuss taking forward Charitable Trust status and its viability.
JH to forward useful points of governance materials.

10. Schedule of Meetings

24th April 2.30p.m. - 4.30 p.m. (EG to contact Jo Hunt to book room)

Action – PC to liaise with EG to arrange dates for further meetings for the year.