



Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 24th April 2017

Welcome and Apologies

Present: Patrick Candler, Derek Wileman, Sue Longden, Julia Hodson, Anne Garfoot

Apologies: Rachel Evans, David Newport, Rachael James.

Fiona Goddard has tendered her resignation, primarily due to other commitments which prevented her attendance at NAP meetings. Fiona was thanked for her support.

2. Minutes of 13th February 2017

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

NAP leaflet incurred an extra £30 cost as double fold omitted from original quote.

PC and DN have discussed NAP charitable status and decided to park it for the present.

4. Finance Matters - income/spending

DW distributed updated and corrected financial statement 30th May to 24 April 2017.

Money needed to be made available for payment of invoices. DW to contact WMF.

Agreed membership fees to stay at £5 for 2017/18.

ACTION: Emma to arrange to contact DW to transfer management of Membership.

5. Fundraising – West Front Project Report

PC advised that clarification on who is to lead this is still to be confirmed. PC/RE to liaise.

RE is to put in bid to Historic England/English Heritage but needs to know the amount already raised as part of the application.

PC had spoken with John Darlington from World Monument Fund, who confirmed that Newstead is one of their priority areas (visit their website). JD is not yet able to advise of any further funding from the WMF, though he is pursuing a number of options.

The High Sherriff of Nottingham was inaugurated at Newstead Abbey and the event was attended by the Lord Lieutenant, Sir John Peace who has showed interest in work done by NAP. PC is to follow up.

Christian Furr is to visit Abbey on May 10th with a view to helping raise funds and profile of the Abbey. PC/DN and JH to attend along with Karen Richardson and Ron Inglis and Rachael James. SL available to join group if needed. A black tie event leading on from this is still a possibility. Footage of Newstead Abbey in 1974 is available on Youtube.

ACTION : PC to send link to Emma to forward to committee members.

6. West Front Project

Need to confirm that consent from EH/HE has been given for work to be done.

NUG events at Abbey had a mixed attendance due to weather. Those who attended enjoyed the activities. Event maybe needed more publicity. Members of NUGS reported their thanks for NAP support. Photos and comments on event details are on NUG website.

A further event "Dopebird" will take place on May 6th/7th in the cloisters. PC to do press release.

7. Membership Events and Activities

DW distributed printout of "Become a friend of Nottingham museums" and "Friends of Wollaton Park" from Nottingham Heritage website as example of programme of membership events. JH to join to research. Is there a Newstead Abbey programme of events published by City Council ?

ACTION - PC to contact Jo for a copy.

City of Literature :- JH?DN met with Sandeep Mahal (Director Nottingham Unesco City of Literature) with a view to raise awareness of NAP and research what is proposed.

Byronathon is proposed at the Abbey – weekend of readings from Byron's works by public figures e.g. Vicky McClure, also National Poetry week planned for October 2018. This was well received by Sandeep who has offered her support.

David has a meeting on 25 May for further discussion regarding its organisation.

8. Communications

New NAP leaflet was accepted by committee.

Marketing plan for NAP has been parked for present.

SL to attend Local History Fair at Mansfield on May 7th with display to promote NAP and fundraising at Newstead Abbey.

9. Charitable Status

No further progress on this for the time being.

10. Schedule of Meetings 2017

Meetings scheduled for Monday June 12th and Monday September 4th

ACTION – Emma to book room for next meeting.

A.O.B.

Nottingham University Local History Fair – a speaker is needed for a short NAP talk before the fair - PC/DN to liaise.