



Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 5th June 2017

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

Apologies: Rachel Evans, Jo Hunt

2. Minutes of 24.4.17

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

Picked up in the main agenda.

4. Finance Matters - income/spending

DW distributed an update of the financial statement. The NUGs invoice has been paid. £3893.01 left to spend. DW suggested introducing membership e-ticket to cut down on time and costs.

ACTION: this was agreed and DW to implement in consultation with EG.

5. Fundraising

PC has been in contact with John Darlington at WMF about new potential funding opportunities. There are two individuals with whom JD is in discussion with a view to arranging a site visit to the Abbey, which is still in the top three priorities for funding for the WMF. DN to be available as a guide and dates need to be agreed.

RE is also keen to explore a new funding application to English Heritage. PC not yet been able to talk to her about funding issues

DW advised that there may be a limit to funding that NAP can receive so will check with our 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 that had been arranged by with Karen Richardson was cancelled at the last minute. A re-arranged date has still to be confirmed.

PC visited Col. David Sneath who was inaugurated as the new High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire at the Abbey to inform him of NAP and what we do. He has expressed an interest in supporting our work but we need to be clear about how best we can use his time (and that of the Lord Lieutenant, Sir John Peace). NAP will contact him for support in any event we have at Newstead. A tour of the site was proposed.

PR enquired if Geoffery Bond , Deputy Lieutenant had been approached for support. PC will follow up. Miranda Seymour of Thrumpton Hall was also suggested as a potential interested party.

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

6. West Front Project

Scheduled Monument Consent approval for repairs works are in hand with English Heritage so that once money is raised work can go ahead with minimal delay.

7. NAP Membership Programme of Events for 2017/2018

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. DN to follow up with NUGs and also to enquire if NUG event props are now property of NAP.

As there is no current programme available, there was a discussion as to how best this could be achieved.

DN pointed out a need for more Executive Committee members to help strengthen the work of NAP and also a % discount in parking or in coffee shop for members as an 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 the Committee.

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

Other suggestions included a summer Charles Watkins Lecture on the Japanese Gardens and an annual Garden Party - an Afternoon Tea with "Lord Byron" in attendance.

ACTION : it was agreed to organise an Afternoon Tea prior to the AGM on September 4th in the Victorian Kitchen from 4 p.m. until 6.30 p.m. (DN confirmed that kitchen was available on Sept 4th and staff would provide the tea.)

It was also 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. DN to follow this up. PC will enquire if the WMF contacts can attend.

Byronathon 2018

Meeting_for 25th May postponed until 10th August. JH/DN to attend.

Japanese Garden Group

PC advised that there was a new Head Gardener and it would be good to pick up on the idea of a Garden Group to bring together all those who had an interest in this area of work. Phil Jones was keen to be involved.

ACTION: PC to follow up.

8. Communications

SL reported a very successful event at Mansfield Local History Fair on May 7th, 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.

SL will attend another Local History Event at Nottingham University on July 8th from 12 noon. Talks begin at 11 am, but it was agreed that NAP would not do one at this time. JH and PR also hope to attend.

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

9. AOB.

None.

10. Schedule of meetings

The meeting for planning the Afternoon Tea and AGM (on Sept 4th) will be held on August 14th at 2.30 p.m.

ACTION : Emma to arrange booking for room.