

Minutes of the Bexhill Heritage Committee Meeting

Monday 18th June 2018

Attendees: Raymond Konyn, Emily Leach, Steve Johnson, Paul Wright, Alexis Markwick, Simon Allen.

David Beales attended as our Planning Consultant.

Apologies: None

Matters arising from the minutes of 21st May

- SJ had checked raffle arrangements. No licence was needed so long as participants were members and friends rather than members of the public. In the latter case, a licence was needed from the local authority at a cost of £40.
ACTION
Xmas raffle to be planned
- SJ apologised for not having circulated templates for strategic planning. This would be done prior to the next committee meeting.

West Station Clock evaluation

- The opening event had been enjoyable and a success. David Beales explained the confusion over the transfer of gold patrons from the DLWP. Ray Konyn had apologised to one of the gold patrons.
- David Beales donated a wooden plaque base and offered to pay for a suitable engraving to commemorate the event. It was agreed that a BH 'blue plaque' for the outside of the building would be appropriate.

ACTION

- **AM and SJ to arrange delivery of certificates to patrons unable to attend the event.**
- **RK to offer free tickets to the BH Christmas event to the gold patron denied transport from the DLWP**
- **SJ agreed to investigate the cost of an exterior 'blue plaque' and arrange for a suitable engraving for the wooden plaque.**
- **SA agreed to initiate a clock-winding rota.**

Finance

SJ distributed the latest accounts. These continued to show a healthy working balance. The restricted account on the WSC renovation showed a small deficit and some further expenditure was anticipated on the door, additional putty and items bought by SA. In addition, the planned electrical work to illuminate the clock tower had yet to be arranged

ACTION

- **AM to pursue a contact at Phase Electrical**

Strategic Priorities

Local List – It was anticipated that the Local List working group would meet the County Archaeologist on 28th and would view the local historical environmental record.

AM had set up a website and it would be possible for anyone to post appropriate information on the site.

ACTION

- SJ to circulate a planning template.

Marketing

It was agreed that we needed more information for the public when organising a stall. David Beales expressed a particular enthusiasm for pop up stalls and for circulating a leaflet across the community.

SJ provided some further details about how BH might use a permanent information hut on West Parade close to the clocktower. This could usefully 'signpost' the museum and could be based on a National Trust sentry box of the sort used at their Trellisic site in Cornwall.

RK had received an unsatisfactory response to the proposal to set up an information point at Bexhill Museum. We could run an information point but without a banner outside and with no 'post-box' facility. It was agreed to maintain lines of communication with museum trustees and staff but to retain our existing arrangements with St. Barnabas Church. EL announced that she had resigned from the museum's board.

ACTION

- DB to send SJ details of someone who might be able to build an information hut.
- Great Gatsby – RK / AM to set up and operate the BH stall on Sat 21st. SJ / AM to take the lead on 22nd.
- AM to update the trifold leaflet.
- SJ to print 100 leaflets for general use and 100 for DB.
- RK to write to the museum's chairman to let him know of our decision.

Events

It was agreed that members' meetings should be a blend of business, with committee members reporting on progress. They should also include 'talks' or activities and serve a 'social' purpose.

DB and EL agreed to approach speakers but it was also agreed that we would normally only pay expenses to speakers at members' meetings. EL suggested that we should draw up a programme for the year and that this might include a tour of the DLWP for members.

It was agreed to hold a quiz night at Platform One on 19th Nov with Bexhill Harmony invited to sing. It was agreed to hold a short committee meeting earlier that evening.

ACTION

- DB to approach David Martin, an architectural historian.
- EL to approach Geoff Witton with respect to the DLWP.
- SJ to let EL have details of Lime Cross building supplies.
- SJ to make preliminary arrangements for Quiz Night
- SJ / AM to organise quiz and programme.

Projects

It was agreed to follow up RDC on the golfer plaque.

SA would 'lead' on the Youth Centre Clock which his working party were due to assess on Wednesday.

SJ was awaiting further news from RDC over their support for the memorial bus shelter project.

ACTION

- RK to follow up on visiting the RDC yard at Broad Oak.
- SJ to follow up with RDC on the bus shelter.

Engaging members

It was agreed that BH had achieved a great deal but that there would be obvious merit in engaging more members in practical action. DB suggested that members should be contacted by phone for a discussion of how they might be become more active. We need particular help with processing the WSC signatures.

ACTION

- DB and SJ to meet to devise strategy for contacting members with a view to their further engagement with BH.
- SA to make a media appeal for help on WSC signatures.

Planning

Victoria Hall – the developer seems to be making some adjustments in accordance with the approved plans.

Spindlewood – the highway authority had approved the developer's access arrangements.

It was decided that we would not become involved with an application by Sainsbury's as this did not have 'heritage' implications.

A meeting of members interested in planning matters would be convened in order to clarify strategy and roles.

ACTION

- DB to continue to watch and correspond with respect to Spindlewood.
- RK to convene meeting on planning for September.

Local Action Group and project opportunities

SJ explained that a local action group had been convened to organise an EU-funded, community-led development programme. There was an opportunity for BH to be involved. Ian Hollidge would ensure BH received an invitation.

ACTION

- SJ to await further news.

AOB

- EL had received contact from the Rye Conservation Society and would seek to arrange a meeting.

DB to attend the Rye Conservation Society garden party on 8th July.

EL to send the RCS newsletter to committee members.

- SJ gave notice of a charity cycle ride he was completing at the end of July. Any sponsorship could be split between BH and Crohns and Colitis UK

SJ to liaise with AM to circulate members.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 23rd July 7pm – 9pm

37 Woodville Road