

Bexhill Heritage Committee Meeting Trafffers, Egerton Road, Bexhill on Sea

Committee:

Raymond Konyyn (RK)	: Chair
Steve Johnson (SJ)	: Vice Chair /Treasurer
Alexis Markwick (AM)	: IT Support Officer
Simon Allen (SA)	: Projects Coordinator
David Beales (DB)	: Planning officer
Anthony Lightly (AL)	: Chartered Building Surveyor
Jeanette Eason	: Committee Clerk

1. Apologies

No apologies

2. Approval of minutes and Matters Arising

RK confirmed that all Action Points have been completed.

3. Planning and Development

(i) Cemetery Lodge

No further information received since last meeting. Not known if architect has been appointed. It was suggested that SJ write a direct query to RDC for an update to the situation. Discussion re potential maladministration around ESCC working on creating access before planning approval. RK stated that there was a meeting due next week with Jeremy Vine Hall and Tim Hickling. DB asked to raise the issue with them. If substantial costs are being expended before knowledge of the plans, then there is need for clarification and consequences. **Action: SJ to request update from RDC**

(ii) Baptist Church

Nothing further heard from RDC.

(iii) Down Cottage

SJ confirmed that BH has made an offer of help to Tim Hickling, with listing this property. It would need RDC assistance to gain approval for access and with other potential information, plans or photos they may have on record. It was explained that the local authority would still need to make the application, but that theirs would take priority over private submissions. BH now have new photos of the exterior. It was agreed the photos would be placed on file, but not to be circulated at present. **Action: Tony to check the internet**

(iv) Knole Road

Application withdrawn. No more movement on this project at present. Agreed item can be removed from the agenda until further notice. **Action: Remove item.**

(v) Clavering Walk

Interesting meeting. NFA

(vi) Meeting with Planning Committee

It was suggested that the members of the committee attending on Tues 26th should have a pre meeting. To be confirmed if Tony can stand in for SJ. It was mentioned that there had been some vandalism to the Shelters on the seafront. No.1 has been damaged by someone sawing into the timbers and the seat.

4. BH HQ/Shop

The Methodist Church is a possible for an alternative shop. The availability of a shop in Devonshire Road is not looking positive. Agreed that the monthly information point at St Barnabas continues for the foreseeable future. Discussed and suggested that BH wait until after Christmas to prepare the space and organise an official launch. Discussed and agreed there should be a lead co-ordinator to ensure volunteer cover over possibly two days per week, Tuesday and Saturday. SJ suggested that BH start with just the Tuesday coverage, and monitor progress. DB confirmed that he had advised the church that BH would not start the Information Point until after Christmas. For now it is being used as storage for BH leaflets and banners etc., at no cost. There was discussion about the need for copies of keys to the church to be held by the committee. **Action: SJ to organise spare keys to church.**

5. Projects and Priorities

(i) East Parade Shelters

Very good progress. There is now a 'Signing In' sheet and volunteer rota. Most of old paint now removed and Ian also 'priming' where possible. It is getting to the point where architrave can be replaced. Current problem is leaking roof, from missing tiles. RDC need to advise when the work can be done. SA stated that it would be advisable to get a vacuum cleaner into the loft space to remove the sand that has built up over time, and which should help to dry out the shelter. Another task identified is the floor area. It is in a poor condition and has holes in the concrete. Suggestion that once filled the area is painted (grey) to cover the use of various repair materials. SJ also mentioned the potential crowd funding project via the Town Forum, for repair work to the band stand. **Action: RK to email RDC to advise current and check funding status.**

(ii) De La Warr Bus Shelter

Nothing heard back yet from either Stagecoach or Bexhill College.

(iii) West Parade Clock Tower

Reported that there had been some damage from a vehicle colliding with one of the concrete buffers at the base of the tower. Fortunately, the buffers are separate to the tower and therefore minimal damage. The tower itself appears to be drying out satisfactorily. The residents have indicated that they would like to have the bell reinstated. Suggested that BH check with residents next year, when it can be confirmed that the tower has dried out sufficiently to allow a bell to be installed.

- (iv) Sainsburys Mural
Nothing further heard about this item. Suggested that BH makes contact again in mid-January after the Xmas and New Year rush for retailers.
- (v) Bowling Green Development
Item can be removed from the agenda.
- (vi) Asset Register
SJ said he would be able to look at this item again perhaps w/c 20/12. Keith has taken over responsibility for Pages Gap and will be progressing listing.

6. Events

- (i) Festive Quiz Night: 30 tickets sold so far. Hope that more will be sold via social media and at Members meeting on 4th December.
- (ii) Active Members Dinner: 34 will be attending
- (iii) Future Coffee/Tea Meetings: Remove item until further notice. Review in 2020
- (iv) Members meeting and Civic Pride Awards: SJ hopes to provide a slide show, voting slips for the committee to count and offer a certificate. It is hoped to obtain permission to use the RDC council chamber for a reception for the award ceremony and get an official to do the presentation.
- (v) Christmas at the Seafront Shelter: Discussed ideas for the Sat and/or Sunday, 10.00 – 14.00 depending on the weather. Promotion of BH, music, leaflets, Tombola and lucky dip for children.
- (vi) Booking for Events in 2020: Agreed to leave to the trustees

7. Finance and Governance

- (i) Life Membership: Discussion about idea to offer at suggested price about £200. If agreed, application forms will need to be altered, and reprinted. Alex to discuss potential prices with RK and leave the decision to the Trustees.
- (ii) Finance: Not much has changed. Pay Pal put up prices and then reduced them again. A refund was received as a result. Will soon need to register with the Charity Commission.
- (iii) Co-op Grant: Members can nominate a charity for their donation to go to. BH has received £3.60 to date, so has the potential for increase. Need to make BH members aware of the scheme.
- (iv) Sponsorship Offers : } Discussed previously under crowd
- (v) Crowd Funding for Project Bandstand: } funding ideas via Town Forum.
- (vi) Current status of Expired memberships: Agreed there was a need for a membership secretary. Lynn Markwick has agreed to help with updating emails and phoning members, to keep in touch.
- (vii) Posting Newsletters & Updating emails: JE also agreed to do folding and posting of Newsletters to those who do not use email.

8. Any Other Business

- (i) Alex asked if the committee felt he needed to order another banner. Currently there are 2 banners, different sizes and an A Board. It was decided that another banner was not required at present.
- (ii) There was discussion re the merits of some BH Promotional Photos and Info Boards to be attached to the Seafront Shelter. Many people stop to look and

discuss the project but do not realise it is all volunteers. **Action: Agreed to organise information and photos on laminated sheets to be attached to the exterior fencing.**

- (iii) It has been suggested to RK that the web site should have a forward planning calendar for members to view upcoming events more in advance. Alex said there was already a facility on the web site but agreed to ensure it was more visible and to change the “more” button to one specifically saying “calendar”.

9. Date of Next Meetings:

Members Meeting – Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 19.00 The Friends Meeting House.

Committee Meeting –16th December 2019 at 19.00, Traffors Bar, Egerton Road, Bexhill