

BAWTRY HERITAGE

MINUTES OF THE 25TH FEBRUARY 2019

Present: Alan Claypole, Margaret Byrne, Derek Eldridge, John Hall, David Kirkham, Sylvia Johnson, Sandy Young, Maria Claypole, Johnathan Strickland, Sue Hughes

Apologies: Stewart Cresswell, John Linsley, Tony Jones, Peter Holland, Rachael Blake.

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 01.01.19 were agreed and passed as a true record.
2. Matters arising from the above minutes
 - Bawtry Town Council have agreed to put forward Planning Permission on behalf of the Heritage Group for the lectern, John Hall to send a cheque to Bawtry Town Council for the fee of £260.00.
 - Bawtry Library OSG has rejected a request by the Heritage Group to share the book shop the present location being cramped.
 - Questions were asked as to the OSG Terms of Reference.
 - Tony Jones in the process of writing the children's leaflet his non-attendance being due to a Phoenix Theatre Production that week.
 - Leaflet on going, map of Austerfield to be simplified.
 - Alan thanked David and John for proof reading the leaflet.
 - Doncaster Tourist Office have agreed to take the Bawtry Leaflet.
 - Alan reported the War Memorial could be moved by May, the paving area around the memorial is to be discussed by the DMBC Tree Specialist.
 - The wording for both plaques has been agreed by the Heritage Official.
 - New Notebook laptop costing £299.00 agreed to purchase.
 - To raise funds a Calendar and Cards had been suggested at the previous meeting, it was felt necessary to check if copywrite was available for the photographs we want to use.
3. AGENDA
 - Feedback from The Illuminate meeting held at Austerfield Study Centre was given by David and Margaret who both attended the meeting on 15/02/19 at Austerfield Study Centre.

- Numbers were down on last year but the building of the Mayflower in the Library had been a success as had the lantern making, unfortunately children who had made lanterns were allowed to take them home, they then failed to turn up for the event.
- Ros Jarvie had asked if it was possible to run Illuminate 2019 in conjunction with the Bawtry Lights Switch on, it would have benefits as it would reduce the costs of Police etc to both parties, however it was agreed they did not sit easily with each other.
- He said that Bawtry Retail Association were very keen on having a Heritage presence on the High Street.
- It was suggested the boat was reused and a new Mr and Mrs Pilgrim be built, the previous years having been borrowed from Boston.
- Margaret and Sylvia reported back on Crowd Funding Meeting they attended in Doncaster, it was decided this was aimed at short term objectives such as costumes if the Theatre agreed to do a Pageant or a play on the Pilgrims.
- St Georges Rotary Club were offering grants of up to a £1,000, it was thought it may be applicable for the printing of leaflets and/or professionalising the Heritage Display. John took the application forms to peruse.
- Johnathan looking to a Heritage Lottery Grant of £6,000.00 to repair the leaking church roof he requested letters of support for his action, Margaret on behalf of the Heritage Group and Alan on behalf of Bawtry Town Council offered to support.
- The new trail leaflets and the new children's leaflets to be proof read by David, Sandy, Margaret and John. On completion John to arrange printing without further discussion necessary.
- The meeting closed at 21.00 the next meeting will be held at the library 01.04.19 at 19.15hrs.
- A follow up meeting arranged by Rachael and Nick Spofforth took place on March 4th to discuss 2020 activities within the Doncaster Area with an emphasis on Bawtry.
- Present: Nick Spofforth Head of Libraries and Culture, Nigel Hall Cabinet Member for Culture and Public Health, Rachael Blake, Sue Hughes, Alan

Claypole, David Kirkham, Derek Eldridge, Margaret Byrne, and a Representative of Austerfield Parish Council.

- Mainly Nick wanted to impress the importance for the area of 2020.
- Doncaster will be part of the Mayflower 400 compact.
- Various Visitor Centres will be open around the country.
- Our Heritage Board had been read by Councillor Nigel Hall on a previous visit to the library he was impressed and hoped to see more of the same.
- Doncaster will participate in the way of Cultural and Educational Activities.
- Schools will be involved
- 30 million Americans are descended from the Pilgrims and many are expected to fly into Doncaster via Dublin. Many tours are already booked. For further information see the folder forwarded by Caroline Flint in Margaret's possession.
- It is important therefore to celebrate Bawtry's Heritage and show it to its best advantage, being a central point between Scrooby and Austerfield with excellent amenities.