

Bawtry Heritage Group

Notes of meeting on 22 November 2021 at the Phoenix Theatre

Present:

David Kirkham (chair), Tony Jones, Emma Slack, Steve Fish, John Linsley, Mick Maguire, Peter Holland, Stewart Cresswell, Sandy Young

Apologies:

Diana Kirby, Iain Hill

1 Matters arising from 21 October meeting

Future thematic topics – DK to draft after grant applications etc. completed.

Website – BTC likely to allow us “a tab” – but may be some cost if their site needs reconfiguring.

Logo – SF to pursue after grant applications etc. completed. DK to send him some work that was done for the heritage map.

Finance – aside from project donations, we have £3785.62 in the bank, which includes the £1000 DSA donation for a bench.

2 Project business

2.1 Lease – including authority DK/JL to sign

David Kirkham & John Linsley approved as lease signatories.

DMBC has been accommodating re amendments we required, the most important one being a 1-year break clause. There remains some difficulty re public liability insurance which needs urgent resolution. Insurers are saying they are unable to provide cover for disused buildings. Needs urgent resolution – agreed we could not risk taking the lease without such insurance. JL pursuing.

2.2 Planning permission

Obtained, with two conditions – Conservation Officer requires sight of finishes, & re landscaping.

2.3 Fund raising – including Spacehive

We have now raised a total of £15,864, Spacehive accounting for £5243 of this, including the recent DMBC contribution of £4243 under the “Doncaster Movement” scheme. Our target was the Contributing Third Party payment required for the FCC application - £10,722. We also targeted 100+ donors, to show community support. We currently have 123 donors – thanks to TJ & SF for the recent improvement.

We will try to send Gift Aid proformas to donors of sums of £5 or over – the scheme is OK retrospectively.

Possibly register with Amazon Smile? – attracts 0.5% of transactions. ES to pursue.

BHG auction at the Phoenix – February/March 2022? Make it an annual event? Tony Jones to pursue.

Bawtry Xmas event on 5 Dec – have a table in the community tent? – with posters & collection boxes. Most members content to help staff it. JL/PH to pursue.

Other possibilities - Duck race? Arts festival – guided walks? – open thematic mtg? – children’s hunt?

2.4 **FCC application** – including authority for DK/JL to sign

David Kirkham & John Linsley approved as application signatories.

Application must be submitted by end of November. Almost done. DK to circulate copy when completed.

Includes an Initial Management & Maintenance Plan, which itself includes ideas about recurring annual costs – estimated at around £6k. This includes professional cleaning of the CP. Discussed cleaning costs & options.

DK to circulate the Initial Management & Maintenance Plan (but not all the other attachments).

2.5 **Garfield Weston Foundation application**

JL explained need for this, to top up FCC application, in the sum of £12,250. DK to circulate application when complete.

2.6 **Project costs**

JL spoke to paper previously circulated.

2.7 **Project timeline**

JL spoke to paper previously circulated.

2.8 **Contingency planning – if the grant application is successful**

Agreed a number of work streams to develop to enable us to prepare for opening. None of them are exclusive; there will be overlaps. Others may also be identified.

Identified work streams:

- Content of heritage displays
- Methods of display (as much IT as we can afford)
- Buildings management
- Staffing – volunteers & training
- Income generation
- Publicity

There will also be project management during the build itself. Steve Fish to agenda these for January meeting; all to consider components of each & an owner/leader to be identified for each at the meeting.

2.9 **Contingency planning – if the grant application fails**

Agreed we would not want to give up, but we will pursue other grant possibilities.

The work on the larger building, for the Heritage Centre, can be staged – but this won’t be possible with the Changing Place – which we thought was probably of the greatest appeal to donors.

Two issues with this though – we will be incurring outgoings on the buildings & we have undertaken to offer to return donations if our grant application fails. It is hoped that many donors will decline the refund if it is seen we're determined to carry on.

3 Any other business

None

4 Next meeting

Tuesday 11 January, 18.30, at the Phoenix. SF to convene. (DK apologies)