

## **Bawtry Heritage Group**

### **Notes of meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

#### **Raj Madaan – film & media expert**

Prior to the meeting, PH introduced Raj Madaan, a local film maker. He advised about the characteristics of a successful display in the HC – vibrant material, regularly refreshed, short films, ideally interactive elements. He could create the same – and/or we could do it ourselves – ref Emma's film work on Facebook for us. He suggested the most effective media for effective publicity was now Instagram. Lots of ideas that seemed very relevant to us.

#### **1. Present**

Steve Fish, Peter Holland, John Linsley, David Kirkham, Mick Maguire, Ross Jarvie

#### **2. Apologies**

Tony Jones, Emma Slack, Diana Kirby, Rachael Blake

#### **3. Matters arising from 6 April meeting (i.e. those not covered by the agenda)**

**3.1 Gift Aid** – JL & PH to progress – possibly only major donations?

**3.4 Logo** – needs to be agreed in time for publicity launch re opening. Agreed to resolve in June meeting – requires ideas from everyone.

**3.5 Separate meetings** – only RJ has opted in – not a concern; will change when we talk about heritage as opposed to business.

**5. BHG website** – DK to ask ES for any update.

**9.1 Donors' responses re "refunds"** – BTC confirmed they are content we keep their donation. No further responses – assume everyone is content.

**11. S Yorks Heritage List** – Project Officer to make presentation at start of our 8 June meeting. DK to ask ES to publicise.

#### **4. Arts Festival Week**

Commences Saturday 18 June. PH giving Pilgrim Fathers presentation at the Phoenix – MM to help with Power Point. PH advised re printing of his material – TJ to help with photographs. We could offer the same for sale. PH also making a brief handout at presentation. MM & DK offering guided walks.

#### **5. Strategic Business Plan**

MM to make some amendments – largely re target dates - & re-present.

#### **6. Market Cross bench**

Almost a year since DSA granted us £1k. Need to procure it, & advise DSA accordingly – although can't be installed until protection works completed. JL advised BTC agreeable to actually purchasing bench on our behalf – to avoid incurring VAT. Waiting for updated quote from supplier – possible problem if increased price. JL to put on BTC agenda.

## 7. Project business

**7.1 Changing Place** – costs of HC are changing (see Construction issues below) & prospect of new CP grant funding is unknown, although if another Government invitation to Local Authorities occurs we could be very well placed. Given uncertainties appertaining to both projects unwise to prescribe allocation of our funds, beyond agreement to apportion fairly. DMBC's Health & Well-being £5k may be subject to "spend it or lose it" by end of year, so sensible to allocate this to the HC9(presuming success in the re-bid) but to take account of that in the final split. DK to talk to Rachael Blake. CP needs to retain public toilets for events use – RJ pointed out this will be an income generator.

**7.2 Public feedback** – completed questionnaires to PH; he & MM to begin thinking about analysis and a "Consultation" document to present it. 200 + completed forms anticipated. Consultation ends 26 May. Agreed convene special meeting to review – Tuesday 24 May, 18.30, hopefully at the Phoenix.

**7.3 Construction issues** – whereas we had previously agreed we need to avoid substantially increasing our FCC re-bid, additional costs are now inevitable:

- Inflation. £5k extra?
- Given we cannot proceed with the CP at the same time as the HC, the toilet in the HC must be accessible to wheelchair users – wider doorway; more equipment. £5k extra?
- It turns out the entrance to the HC is not wheelchair accessible. Need to widen doorway & hallway beyond it. The latter may trigger structural concerns/costs. Extra £5k-£10k?
- We need to put some costs in to cosmetically improve the gents' block & surrounds, otherwise they will detract from the appearance of the HC.
- We conclude we need to improve the furniture & equipment planned for the HC to make it successful. Extra £8k?

Given FCC's grant maximum of £100k, we felt we could risk our bid going up to £80k-£85k without appearing to be taking advantage of their invitation to re-bid.

RJ to contact Northern Power Grid, who have installations adjacent to our site, to see if they might help us.

JL still working on assembling all costs.

**7.4 Re-bid** – JL & DK to write. Will try to circulate critical drafts.

## 8. AOB

HC display – prompted by Raj's suggestions, agreed to identify what we want in our August meeting – in terms of content & means of delivery i.e. media technology. This to inform IT/electrical functionality required in the build – led by JL.

## 9. Next meetings

Tuesday 24 May 18.30, Phoenix (venue stc). Business meeting re analysis of public feedback.

Wednesday 8 June 18.30, Phoenix. Open meeting for SY Heritage briefing, then business meeting, including logo item.

July – not diaried

August – not diaried; business meeting to include HC display content/method/technology plus IT/electrical functionality required.