

Bawtry Heritage Group

Notes of a Trustees' meeting on Tuesday 1st November 2022

1. Present & Apologies

Present - Peter Holland, John Linsley, David Kirkham, Mick Maguire, Tony Jones

Apologies – Steve Fish

2. Matters arising from 21 September meeting (i.e. those not covered by the agenda)

2 i) Nominations to the South Yorkshire Heritage List

Work ongoing. TJ understands that there's a lot of material re history of education in Bawtry in DMBC Archives – which are still closed.

4 Buildings lease

JL has formally requested we terminate the lease – some delay because of personnel changes.

3. Finances

3.1 Refund of donations

DK distributed summary update. £1750 refunded so far. Looks promising we may be able to keep most of the rest – although BTC position won't be known until 14 November. Agreed we needed written responses – DK to email again, requesting the same – with a deadline.

3.2 Garfield Weston grant (JL paper)

Discussion. JI proposals over ambitious? – especially given how few (working) members we have. Building up membership must be highest priority – hopefully a website & regular talks will do that. Agreed historical references to creation of a community hub (from HC & CP Project) are no longer relevant & should be removed. Agreed we should request deferment of spending deadline.

Prioritisation of Town Trail elements

Agreed we should start with the wharf & St Nicholas Church. Discussion re means of display – lecterns/boards/plaques. Costs? Wharf info to include artist's interpretation of medieval wharf if affordable. Each to contain text for adults & children & illustrations & logo & QR code. Malcolm Thomas (DMBC Conservation Officer) might be able to assist.

3.3 DMBC donations

Ward Members' grant of £500 already spent on insurance. DMBC grant of £4243, through Spacehive, at stake. DMBC has indicated likely we can keep it if we provide some details of spending plans – what & when. DK to write to DMBC.

4. S Yorks Heritage List – update

Listing proposals re Methodist Church (MM), Market Place (JL) & wharf (DK) to be submitted soon. Education (TJ) to follow. MM pointed out even if proposals fail the info submitted is preserved via the South Yorkshire Historic Environment Record (access via Heritage Gateway).

5. Website

DK gave details of approach to 20-20 Website Design. Waiting for price estimation. Discussion re whether we try to do our own maintenance (after a year) or buy the same. TJ advised his contact – who maintains the Phoenix site – might be able to help/advise.

6. Library Heritage Display

Existing display is poor & hasn't been updated. Agreed to remove same. Maybe simply ask Library to provide a shelf in the reference section in which we can place "BHG publications". MM to liaise with Library.

7. Logo – sign off & use

Change strapline to "Beautiful Bygone Bawtry". MM to liaise with SF.

8. AOB

i) Facebook

JH has recruited Iain Hill to look after our Facebook page; MM looking after our email account.

ii) Market Cross

Steps & shaft have been washed & restored; kerb surround completed. Awaiting installation of planters.

iii) January meeting

Agreed to defer "Romans 2" & replace with offer from TJ to give an illustrated talk on the history of the Phoenix theatre. He agreed to expand it by also covering the building's original use as a Primitive Methodist Chapel to attract history as well as drama enthusiasts. Bar can be opened. Change time to 7 pm to maximise attendance. Maybe do a raffle in aid of BHG. DK to do notice for Bawtry Today advertising meeting.

9. Next meeting

Trustees meeting - Tuesday 6 December – 18.30, Phoenix Theatre

Open meeting – "History of the Phoenix" – Tuesday 11 January 2023 – 19.00, Phoenix Theatre