

Bawtry Heritage Group

Notes of meeting on Tuesday 11th March 2025

1 Present/Apologies

Present - Mick Maguire, David Kirkham, Mike White, Leslie Gilfedder, Kevin Gilfedder, Rupert Atkinson, Sherelle Hawes, Paul Hawes

Apologies – John Linsley, Peter Holland

2 Matters arising from 11th February meeting

Doncaster Civic Trust Heritage Open Days – availability of St Helena church Austerfield uncertain. Awaiting clarification.

Battle of the Idle display lecterns – content agreed with Sutton Hoo Society & one of the academics; awaiting agreement of the second. DK applying for a Licence to install the Gainsborough Road lectern. Still awaiting CDC permission re the library one.

Public Liability Insurance – DK advised the quote for our own insurance came in at almost £300 p.a. – which we can't afford. Agreed we will therefore go down the BTC lectern ownership route; their insurance therefore applying.

Roman Bawtry desktop – Stage 2 part 3 (the shrine) now on the website. MM is working on Stage 2 part 4 (the fort). Conclusions of desktop to be presented at our Phoenix event on 17th June during Bawtry Festival week. MM will invite SHS etc & DK will invite David Hornsby.

Request from Little Bawtry's – JL is liaising with them. "Did those feet" posters used for empty window displays a few years ago offered (two of them require amendment) & Bawtry wharf lectern content offered.

CDC Community Investment Grant – not yet applied for.

3 Bawtry Heritage Centre at BCL – preparation for June opening

Re agreement between BCL & BHG – BCL's suggestion is being redrafted; MM advises it will be more like his draft of a Memorandum of Understanding, acknowledging the value of the project to both parties.

Practical works – BHC sign & shelving being installed (MW) on 25th March. MM to purchase "magazine" rack(s) to accommodate our history papers – existing pedestal takes up too much space. MW to purchase IKEA display cabinet (lockable) £129.

Bawtry history timeline to be displayed as a rolling presentation (Powerpoint?) on a TV or monitor. 27 inch? TV better value? – but must accept a USB data stick. DK to draft presentation by next meeting. This has to be finalised & the technology tested in good time.

Ann Everard display elements:

- Her album, opened at the name plate, to be displayed in cabinet, accompanied by 3 or 4 prints of paintings from the album.

- Her history – who she was, her significance to Bawtry & to girls’ education – SH & MM to work on this. Thanks to SH who has researched into the history further, including some material about the school pupils cited in the 1841 census. Also, SH has found that the school’s principal in 1851 was one of the 1841 pupils. Ann’s father was an artist. Agreed that ideally all the material found will be worked up into a history paper – albeit after the exhibition. No connections with “Miss Smith” & Adwick girls’ school have been found, & no info about Ann’s school which preceeded the one listed in 1841 has been found. DK to send images of documents he found to SH.
- Her book “Flowers from Nature” & its significance.

Other BHC items – MM suggested future audio facility – we own good headphones. MM invited members to nominate individuals important in Bawtry’s history & send to him by next meeting, with single sentence justification – for a “Bawtry Roll Of Honour” display or similar. Agreed the flowers painters ref book to be auctioned off.

4 Planning application – Martin Grange Farm – football traing facility

DK outlined the application. Given the probability of archaeology within the site, agreed we would make representation suggesting an archaeological watching brief during groundworks as a condition if the application is approved. DK will submit same & circulate it.

5 Request for guided walk

Request from Hollies Bar in Dower House Square, referred by Ross Jarvie. Agreed we would try to facilitate – DK/MW.

6 Pilgrim Fathers

Should we try to establish links with relevant Massachusetts societies? RA suggestion & he has identified three socities. Agreed this could benefit us. LG advised a St Helena churchwarden used to have U.S. Pilgrim Fathers contacts – she will pass contact to RA. We could offer them copy of PH’s paper as an introduction. RA to pursue.

7 AoB

None

8 Next meeting

Tuesday 8th April, 18.30, at the Town Hall