

# Great Yarmouth Minster Preservation Trust

## Minutes

Thursday, 08 May 2014 at 09:45

### PRESENT:

Dr Paul Davies (Chair), Mr Hugh Sturzaker, Mrs Sandra McCullagh, Mr Tony King, Mr Michael Boon, Mr Colin Smith, Mr Mike Muskett, Mr David McDermitt, Mr Mike Taylor, Mr Robert Price, Mr Nick Pownall, Mr Albert Jones, Mr Robin Hodds and Mrs Karline Smith.

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Henry Cator and Jim Carter.

### 2 TREASURER'S UPDATE

£16.94 easyfundraising  
£30 Talk by Colin Smith Flegg Probus  
£10 Gift Aid - Tony King of Middle Market Road  
Invoice for £95 for up-dating website (2 years)

The bank balance is currently £15,083 and that £10,000 had been transferred to the 10 day notice account. The 10 day notice account stands at £124,063.89.

### 3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2014 were confirmed subject to the amendments that Bob Price was present and that Tony King was not present at the meeting and that Mr Bob Price had suggested the Mayor as the Vice- Patron. That under item nine the WW1 event that the display would be for 2 months and not 3. That the Blessing of Nets and Herring Supper would be arranged by Arthur Hollis and not the Rotarians and that Michael Cole would be approached for a donation of fish.

### 4 MATTERS ARISING

It was reported that the Mayors office had agreed for the Mayor to be the Vice Patron of the Trust.

## **5 OTHER MATTERS ARISING**

It was reported that the wooden support for the Peregrine Falcon platform had arrived and that Michael Pearson had taken this up to the tower. However the Hawk and Owl trust had not assembled it yet. It was hoped that this would be in place for next year's breeding season. There was also the possibility of sponsorship to upgrade the camera.

## **6 NEWS**

The Chairman reported that there was no news to report.

## **7 RE-ORDERING UPDATE**

The Chairman reported that he, Michael Boon and the rector had visited a Heritage Lottery Fund official in Cambridge for advice. This was a very useful meeting. . Michael Boon stated that they had been advised to speak to other groups who had been successful in their bids. Wymondham Abbey had also been visited, as they had been successful in their lottery bid. The Greater Churches Group were preparing documents for a preliminary stage bid of £3.5m to be submitted as a first stage. If this is successful the Minster would be able to go onto phase two. The Chairman stated that the basic project would be to install heating, restore the organ and replace the pews with chairs etc. It was confirmed that the Trust would be asked to help with fund raising for the project. It was felt that it was very important for the trust members to be kept up-to-date if the minster wished to keep their support. It was agreed that they should be given an update on this by Chris Terry at the next meeting. Albert Jones suggested that a company be approached to help with a bid for the Heritage Lottery Funding.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Organ Repair funds, so far raised, would be placed in a ring fenced account and to be used for the purpose of restoring the Minster's present organ when the other project work was is carried out.

## **8 PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT**

Robert Price reported that a £1,000 donation towards the organ had been made by the Freemasons and that they would like to have a presentation of the cheque with Lady Leicester and Henry Cator present and the article and photo would be placed in the local and national freemasons magazine and the EDP. The Trust would also be invited to a Freemasons Charity event being held in Norwich in November where the Trust could bid for funding.

## **9 PLAN FOR 2013/14**

- a) Quiz/treasure Hunt ( David McDermott) - it was agreed that this would be held in October or November 2014.
- b) An evening with Keith Skues at the Masonic Rooms Friday (Ian Miller):  
Tickets:price POSTPONED to Autumn 2014.
- c) Rev'd Peter Glanville's talk from Microphone to Ministry (Colin SMith) - it was agreed to cancel this event.

- d) WW1 Centenary 2014 with GY Arch Society - it was reported that this event was almost arranged.
- e) Arts Festival June 2014 (Hugh Sturzaker) - leaflets for this event were tabled.
- f) Tony T Band Plus guests 10th May 2014 Tickets £7.50 (Printing £8) - 25 tickets had been sold, the band would cost £300 it was agreed that Brenda and Kenny would be on the door, Sandra would do the raffle and Mike and Colin would run the bar.
- g) Wedding/Vintage Fayre Sat 18 October (Colin Smith/Sandra McCullagh) - Sandra would meet with Ann Edwards to discuss an article advertising the event. It had been agreed that £30 would be charged for a stall in order to encourage more people to attend.
- h) Diximixx Jazz booked 12th July 2014 tickets £10 - flyers, posters and tickets to sell were tabled.
- i) Cantus Orientissimus Concert 27 September 7.30pm
- J) Gorleston Community Choir Saturday 9th August 7.30pm tickets £5
- k) Afternoon Tea Sunday 20th July 2.30pm Rachel King tickets £10 - £50 fee for Rachel King. Sarah Smith would make 100 scones so only 100 tickets could be sold.
- l) Blessing of Nets and Herring Supper Sunday 5th October 6.30pm - Arthur would be spoken to and tickets would be sold for £6.
- m) Christmas Tree Festival - Friday 12th December to Sunday 20th December - Civic Carol Service 15th December - Town Christmas Fair Friday 21 November - 23 November 2014 - trophies would be given at Civic Carol Service.

## **10 OTHER FUNDRAISING IDEAS**

- (i) Ipswich and Norwich Co-op Brass Band

Sandra informed the Trust that she had spoken to the Ipswich and Norwich Co-op Brass Band and that they would like to split the door profits 50/50, they would like the raffle money but the trust could keep the bar money. They had agreed to design the posters and tickets but the trust would need to get these printed and it was agreed to get 200 tickets printed, posters and 2 banners.

- (ii) Vintage and Collectables Fayre

It was agreed to hold a Vintage and Collectables Fayre on the second Saturday in May 2014.

- (iii) Merry Opera

The Chairman reported that a company called Merry Opera wanted to do a pocket Messiah at the Minster. They had previously performed at St Georges and would like to perform at the church. The cost was £2,600. The Chairman suggested having this on Easter Sunday afternoon from 2.15 till 5pm. Tickets would need to be £15 each unless sponsorship could be sought.

RESOLVED:

That the Trust agree to having the Merry Opera.

**11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 10 July 2014.

The meeting ended at: 10:50