

Great Yarmouth Minster Preservation Trust

Minutes

Thursday, 09 July 2015 at 09:45

PRESENT:-

Dr P Davies (in the Chair); Mr I Miller, Mr N Pownall, Mr H Sturzaker, Mr A Smith, Mr D McDermott, Mr R Price, Mr M Taylor, Mr A King, Mr M Boon, Mrs S McCullough, Mr C Smith, Mr R Hodds and Mrs C Webb.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Reverend Chris Terry, Michael Muskett, Albert Jones and Henry Cator.

2 TREASURER'S UPDATE (MIKE MUSKETT)

The Chairman reported income received as detailed in the agenda.

He asked that the Committee note that the costs of the Ska band should have read £400.

There were no details from Treasurer with regard to the bank balances.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2015 were confirmed.

4 MATTERS ARISING

Hugh Sturzaker reported that attendance had increased for Art in The Minster, part of the great Yarmouth Arts Festival, with over 1,800 visitors and a number of paintings had been sold resulting in a profit being made on all events.

Tony Smith asked whether the Arts Festival Committee had considered staging a Arts Festival Fringe, along the lines of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Hugh Sturzaker reported that the Arts Festival Committee would be holding a day conference at St.Georges Theatre, on 18 November 2015 where National Speakers would be present. All interested parties would be most welcome and the costs were £10 per head.

5 OTHER MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman reported that there were no other matters arising to report.

6 NEWS

The Chairman reported that the Tourist Information Centre had agreed to act as a booking agent for events staged at The Minster for a 5% fee.

7 RE-ORDERING UPDATE (MICHAEL BOON)

Michael Boon reported that following discussions, that the favoured heating scheme would be a gas installation as this would meet the criteria of a recognised back-up fuel and work was underway to locate the original gas pipe access in to The Minster. He confirmed that Level One was still on track to be achieved by the end of the year.

8 PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

The Chairman informed the Committee that there were no items to report.

9 PLANS

It was reported that:-

(a) Cask & Craft Quiz: A date was awaited from John Burroughs.

(b) Lord Dannatt Talk: No date had been confirmed.

(c) The Friends: It was hoped that the new Team Vicar would be an useful addition to The Friends.

(d) Royal Marines Band: It was reported that the £5,000 costs to stage the event would be shared with The Royal British Legion.

(e) Antiques Fair: Discussions were still ongoing.

The Chairman reported that the Committee should consider submitting an application to the gyBID for funding to help stage one-off events, for example, The Messiah in the Minster next Easter or the Royal Marine Band. Tony Smith reported that he thought that this was a useful funding avenue to explore.

10 CONFIRMED PLANS FOR 2015

It was reported that:-

(a) DixieMix Jazz was confirmed for 11 July 2015 and barstaff, doormen and raffle organisers had volunteered their services.

(b) Sandra McCollough confirmed that the afternoon concerts were organised.

banners had been ordered and flyers and tickets were available. Tony Smith would require confirmation of cake numbers which would be collected by Dr Davis on the Sunday morning.

(c) Blessing of the Nets and Herring Supper - Dr Davis reported that the Masquers and 4 junior schools had agreed to come on-board and that he had asked for sight of the text of the songs they intended to perform. Herrings, fish fingers and rolls would need to be sourced. the charge for the herring supper would be £5.00 with children being free of charge. It was agreed that the nets would be draped around The Minster as this was easier than hanging the nets up.

(d) Wedding Fayre - Sandra McCullough reported that she would start to plan this years event in earnest. She asked that the Wedding Vow renewal be offered once again as this had proved to be very popular. Dr Davis asked that the Churchwardens man a table at the event to promote weddings at The Minster.

(e) The Christmas Tree Festival was confirmed to be held between 11 and 20 December 2015 inclusive.

(f) Hugh Sturzaker reported that the James Paget Exhibition which was being staged in the Library would move to The Minster in August 2015.

(g) Dr Davis reported that the Archaeological Society would hold talks and an exhibition in The Minster in September to support the Maritime Festival.

11 OTHER FUNDRAISING IDEAS

The Chairman reported that there had been no suggestions put forward for future fundraising issues.

12 ADVANCE NOTICE

Michael Boon informed the Committee that the 75th Anniversary of the Bombing of the Minister would need consideration with regard to how to mark the occasion.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that there was no other business as might be determined by the Chairman of the meeting as being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee confirmed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday, 10 September 2015 at 09:45 in the Minster Vestry.

The meeting ended at: 10:40