

# Great Yarmouth Minster Preservation Trust

## Minutes

Thursday, 14 May 2015 at 09:45

Present:

Dr Paul Davies (in the Chair), Mr Anthony Smith, Mr Colin Smith, Mr Hugh Sturzaker, Mrs Sandra McCullough, Mr Jim Carter, Mr Nick Pownall, Mr Mike Taylor, Mr Robin Hodds and Mrs Karline Smith.

### **1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Coleman, Mr Henry Cator, Mr Robert Price, Mr Ian Miller, Mr McDermott, Mr Mike Muskett, Mr Tony King and Mr M Boon.

### **3 TREASURER'S UPDATE (Mike Muskett)**

The Chairman reported that the Messiah performance had went well but had unfortunately not made a profit. There had been several positive comments made about the event.

Since the last meeting the following had been received:-

£300 Miscellaneous donations

£25 Talk by Colin Smith to HSBC Retirees

£25 Talk by Colin Smith to Gorleston Probus

£30 Talk by Paul Davies to Blundeston Local History Group

£35 Talk by Paul Davies to Ormesby WI

£5 R Caro (Gift Aid)

£50 Further cheque from John BLaxell

Expenses - Hosting LCN [sncpt.co.uk](http://sncpt.co.uk) £30

The Current Account Bank Balance is £7,178.34 and the Business Premium Account Balance is £145,912.12 therefore the total amount is £153,090.46.

#### **4 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2015 were confirmed.

#### **5 MATTERS ARISING**

a) Vintage Fair

It was reported that the Vintage Fair had been cancelled.

b) Quiz at Craft and Cast

It was reported that Mr John Burroughs had been approached and was happy to host a Quiz night at the Craft and Cast Public House. Tickets would be £10 per head and would include Fish and Chips and it was hoped that 10-15 teams would enter.

RESOLVED:

That the trust agreed to hold this event.

#### **6 OTHER MATTERS ARISING**

There were no other matters arising.

#### **7 NEWS**

The Chairman reported that the Times Newspaper had published a picture of the Minster's Organ stating that they were raising funds for its restoration and a cheque for £2,000 was received into the Minster Organ Fund.

It was reported that the Rector would be retiring in July 2016.

The Chairman stated that he had looked into advertising on the PIP's and that the Minster would only be able to advertise on 5 of the PIP's and that this would only be until people pay to advertise on them and then the minster's advertising would be removed. Also the Trust would have to pay for any printing. Sandra suggested advertising in the NR29 guide as this would be free and agreed to look into this further.

#### **8 RE-ORDERING UPDATE (Michael Boon)**

It was reported that Extensive and detailed discussions have been taking place regarding the future heating of the Minster. A schematic plan has been prepared by the Minster Architect to enable the commissioning of an extension to the original report to now provide ambient heating throughout the Minster. The terms of reference will be finalised by the Minster Development Group to enable the selected heating consultant to prepare the report as part of the Minster's grant application. Following this decision Mr Boon is now able to write to the Masonic Charity following the meeting which he and Canon Terry attended earlier to put down a marker for possible grant assistance from this source as the project moves forward. The Preservation Trust's effort in providing funding towards the heating system is one of the partnership arrangements which the Minster Development Group hopes to extend. The Minster

Quinquennial Report, which provides details on necessary capital and repair works over the next five years, has now been completed. This will also be part of the application. The example of an excellent performance of Messiah sponsored by the Preservation Trust, staging an imaginative production in the Nave, will provide the beginnings of the development of the building for new and sustainable uses. The Minster was unsuccessful in the first round of applications for repairs to the leaking South Porch Roof under the Government's roof repair initiative scheme. The Government has now provided additional funding so a further application for this £50,000 Minster key works scheme will be submitted in the second round. As reported at the last meeting the Minster and its Development Group feel that professional Publicity Assistance would be helpful to both the project and the operations in the Minster supporting it. Enquiries to identify potential assistance are being made and any useful leads for the Development Group to pursue would be welcome.

## 9 PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

It was re-iterated that GYTA had been spoken to about advertising on the PIP's.

## 10 PLANS

- a) Quiz, Town Hall / Masonic Room / John Burroughs (David McDermott) 2016 - **This event would go ahead.**
- b) An Evening with Lord Dannatt (Ian Miller)
- c) Update on the Friends - **this would need to be progressed with the new Rev'd next year.**
- d) Royal Marines Band (£5,000) - November 2018 with the British Legion (Colleen Walker) - **This event would go ahead.**
- e) GY Festival 5-14 June 2015 (Hugh Sturzaker) - **Invites to the opening were tabled.**
- f) May Day fete 2015 (Karen Childs) - possible treasure hunt (David McDermott) Deferred to 2016.
- g) Antiques Fair with Louise Hamilton Centre - **This event would go ahead in late 2015.**

## 11 CONFIRMED PLAN FOR 2015

- a) Umgawa Kagooga 8- piece Ska Band 16th May 2015 7.30pm; Cost £400 Tickets £5 (Colin Smith) Contact Dave Osborne 07776157474 Printing £5 - **Sandra agreed to help with the Raffle and Hugh agreed to be on the door.**
- b) Dixiemix Jazz Band 11th July 2015 at 7.30pm Tickets £10 Fee:£600 again - **this event is all arranged.**
- c) Six Sunday summer afternoon music concerts with cake. Great Yarmouth Minster at 2.30pm Entry £6 (Season ticket for all the six concerts £25.  
26 July - Wherry Brass Band £250 Sponsor?  
2 August - Kitty Collins (soprano) presents a Sentimental Journey through the 1940's

and 1950's Cost £100

9 August Gorleston Community Choir - free of charge

16 August Molleyhawks Shanty Slingers Cost £70

23 August Gary Winters (Jazz, piano and vocal) and Hayley Moss (Soprano) Cost £250

30 August Rev'd Grant Boutlon Debbage (Soul singer and piano) and Bill Kibby (multi-instrumentalist) free of charge - **a leaflet was tabled to the trust with all these concerts on.**

d) Sunday 4 October Blessing of the Nets and herring supper 6.30pm Needs a revamp - Local schools input? - **it was agreed that this service needed revamping and that Primary Schools were being asked if they would like to be involved in this service and Fish Fingers could be given to the Children as an alternative to the Herring.**

e) Saturday 17th October The Third Celebrations Fair (Weddings, Anniversaries, Proms etc) and reaffirmation of vows (Sandra McCullagh) Printing £3

f) Christmas Tree Festival Friday 11th - Sunday 20th December. - **the dates had been booked for this event.**

## **12 OTHER FUNDRAISING IDEAS**

There were no other fundraising ideas.

## **13 FOR INFORMATION**

Advance notice was given to the trust of the Norfolk Military Tattoo which would be held on 18th June 2017 and that in June 2017 it would be the 75th Anniversary of the bombing of the Minster.

## **14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was reported that the Maritime Festival had asked the Archaeological Society to put on a display in the Town Hall about Great Yarmouth and the Sea. After the Festival the exhibition would be moved into the Minster until the end of September.

An exhibition would be held in the Library on St James Paget.

On Wednesday 18th November 2015 there would be a talk on Cockrill Heritage in St Georges Theatre.

## **15 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 9th July 2015 at 0945 hours in the Minster Vestry.

The meeting ended at: 10:45