

Great Yarmouth Minster Preservation Trust

Minutes

Thursday, 12 November 2015 at 10:00

PRESENT :

Dr P Davies (in the Chair), Mr J Carter, Mr H Sturzaker, Mr C Smith, Mr D McDermott, Mr M Taylor, Mrs S McCullough, Mr M Muskett, Mr H Cator, Rev'd C Terry, Mr R Hodds and Mrs S Wintle.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Ian Miller, Mr Tony King, Mr Bob Price and Lady Sarah Leicester.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2015 were confirmed, subject to an amendment to item 5 (ii), " How can Cultural Heritage Generate Seaside Towns" should have read "How can Cultural Heritage help to regenerate Seaside Towns".

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4 PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Community Open Day at the Town Hall, and was disappointed as the event was poorly attended.

The Trust were informed that there had been a article in the Local Paper for the Blessing of the Nets Event.

5 SPONSORSHIP (BOB PRICE)

There was no update provided.

6 PLANS

It was reported that the Antiques Fair would no longer go ahead.

The Trust were advised that communication had been made with the Merry Opera Messiah. It was pointed out that Beccles Church split the profits when Merry Opera perform, 80% to the Merry Opera and 20% to the Church.

It was agreed the Chairman would communicate with the Merry Opera.

7 TREASURER'S UPDATE (MIKE MUSKETT)

The Treasurers update was summarised to the Trust.

It was reported that the Blessing of the Nets was a great success and that schools had participated in the event, the total raised from the event was £978. It was reported that the Burlington Hotel had cooked the Herrings. Colin Smith pointed out to the Trust that the Burlington Hotel had requested the herring four days prior to the event and that this had proved difficult due to weather conditions. Michael Cole had donated the herring and it had been sourced from Denmark and Scotland. The Trust were informed that Bookers had donated fish fingers for the children at the event.

The Trust were informed that the Wedding Fair had been unsuccessful this year and that mixed messages had been received from stall holders due to increase in price, The Chairman and Sandra McCullough informed the Trust that it had been decided not to run the event again next year, although a suggestion had been raised for a stall holder to organise the event within the Minster. It was reported that the busiest months for couples to book weddings were January, February and March so it was suggested the wedding fair should be earlier in the year.

It was agreed that this event would be kept under review.

It was reported that the exhibition at the Maritime Festival "Great Yarmouth and the Sea" had raised £274.

Colin Smith informed the Trust that he had been in contact with Probus.

8 RE-ORDERING UPDATE

The Team Rector summarised the Minster Development to the Trust.

It was reported that the Organ repair and re-development should take place in 2016. Hugh Sturzaker informed members that Mike and June Fuller had donated £500 towards the Organ re-development.

9 CONFIRMED PLAN FOR 2015

Christmas Tree Festival

It was reported that the Mayor would open the Festival and that the Mayor and Rector were to be the judges. The Chairman asked for suggestions from the Trust for a third judge. Jim Carter suggested that Michael Pearson the previous years winner be approached for judging. It was agreed the Chairman would contact Michael Pearson.

The Chairman asked for volunteers to help to collect entrance fees at the event. The Chairman reported that the Minster Cafe would be open during the festival and it has

been agreed with Yarmouth Potteries that their paintings could be on show during the event and that they would serve in the cafe whilst open.

The Trust were informed that Peter Jay had provided a Family Ticket to the circus for the winning entry.

10 CONFIRMED PLAN FOR 2016

Dixiemix Jazz Band

16/7/2016 at 7.30pm Tickets £10 Fee £600 again.

Summer Music Sundays

It was reported that £1700 had been raised this year over the 6 concerts that were provided and that some acts were not as successful as others. .

The Trust were advised that Kitty Collins, Gorleston Community Choir and Rev'd Grant Bill Kibby had been confirmed as an acts for the event. It was reported that Gary Winters was willing to return as an act.

A suggestion was made with regard to a Magician Act, and it was suggested Sean Goodman, although concern was raised regarding the acts suitability within the Minster. Sandra McCullough reported that a suggestion had been raised to have a youth band perform. The Team Rector suggested John Stevens and his Orchestra Group, it was agreed the Chairman would speak to John Stevens.

The Chairman suggested that all Members continue to think of suggestions for acts for the event.

Colin Smith informed Members that he would source a sponsor for £200 towards the artists.

11 OTHER FUNDRAISING IDEAS

St Pauls

The Trust were advised that the floor at St Paul's is in need of repair and would be out of commission for a Month when work completed.

It was agreed David McDermott would book St Paul's for Colin Smith in March 2016 date and time to be confirmed.

Rock & Roll

It was agreed by the Trust that David McDermott would confirm a date for a performance for next year.

12 JUNE 2017 - 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBING OF THE MINSTER

Members were informed that Lacons Brewery would be involved in the anniversary celebrations. The Chairman suggested that lunch could be provided. The event would

take place on Sunday 25th June 2016.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Hugh Sturzaker reminded Members of the conference called "How can Cultural Help to Regenerate Heritage Generate Seaside Towns" on the 18th November 2015. Arts and Culture and Cultural Heritage Partnership joining forms were circulated.

The Chairman asked the Trust if a Member would provide a Christmas Tree in the festival on behalf of the Trust and it was agreed Sandra McCullough would produce a Tree.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

- 14 January 2016
- 10 March 2016
- 12 May 2016
- 14 July 2016
- 8 September 2016
- 10 November 2016 (AGM) at 09:45 in the Minster Vestry.

The above dates were confirmed.

The meeting ended at: 10:45