

SLEAFORD CASTLE HERITAGE GROUP

Meeting held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 10:00am

Present: Garry Titmus (S&DCT), Faith Hopkins (S&DCT), David Marriage (S&DCT), Mark Bamford (S&DCT), Doreen Bamford (S&DCT), M Offer (STC Cllr), Paul Cope-Faulkner (Heritage Lincolnshire) and Doug Plowman (Landscape Historian)

The meeting was supported by the Administration Officer (MW).

1. **Welcome**

GT welcomed all to the meeting.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from the Deputy Clerk, LES and BH.

3. **Minutes**

The notes from the last meeting held on 18th May 2022, were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

GT reported that the following actions are ongoing but are not time sensitive.

[Action: LES to contact St. Georges School regarding a promotional video.](#)

[Action: LES to contact the Arts Council regarding funding.](#)

4. **Update on progress since last Meeting (relevance of Sleaford Masterplan)**

Following a meeting with NKDC, GT and DM both updated members of the subjects discussed at the meeting.

GT read out a statement of what the Masterplan had said about the Castle project.

GT also reported the following:-

- Unveiling of a new Castle signage board took place on Tuesday 5th July on the Castle site. This board is of an artist's impression of what the site might have looked like
- Paintings of Sleaford Castle are now available to purchase
- Replica key for the Castle has been produced

5. **Planning/Funding WG**

The development of the business case was discussed, and DM was thanked for his hard work and dedication to this.

DM explained that NKDC has been given an overview of the work carried out by the SCHG and the timescales that NKDC are working towards as part of the Masterplan.

The group discussed the importance of promoting the Castle and the importance of engaging with members of the public to keep them fully up to date of the group's work to date.

The group also discussed funding for a new access point and viewing platform.

Action: SCHG to monitor NKDC's progress feeding the Castle project through the Masterplan and respond, if necessary.

6. **His/Arch WG**

PCF gave a brief update on the Augur Survey plan together with a plan for further archaeology, including excavations.

The group discussed interpretation boards and felt that there is not enough information as yet and agreed to provide an information leaflet instead.

Action: Future meeting of the WG to be set up in early September 2022

Action: GT to produce an information leaflet which is to be inserted in the existing Sleaford Castle information leaflet.

7. **Future events**

- Top Trumps launch – Saturday 9th July
- Funding Bid to NKDC – Submissions early August (GT and DM to continue working on this)
- Heckington Show – Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st July

8. **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 14th September 2022 at 10:00am, in the Town Hall.