

SLEAFORD CASTLE HERITAGE GROUP

Meeting held in the Town Hall on Monday 18th October 2021 at 2pm

Present: Garry Titmus (S&DCT), Faith Hopkins (S&DCT), Benda Hitchcock (S&DCT), David Marriage (S&DCT), Mark Bamford (S&DCT), Doreen Bamford (S&DCT), Linda Edwards-Shea (STC Cllr) and Ken Fernandes (STC Cllr)

The meeting was supported by the Temporary Deputy Clerk and Administration Officer (MW).

1. **Welcome**

GT welcomed all to the first face-to-face meeting since the Covid-19 Pandemic.

2. **Apologies**

No apologies for absence were received.

3. **Minutes**

The notes from the last meeting held on 23rd August 2021, were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

GT reported on the following actions:

- a) **Action: Set up a separate working group to progress a business plan.**
A Working Group had now been formed, and the members were, David Marriage, Faith Hopkins, Brenda Hitchcock, Linda Edwards-Shea and Garry Titmus. The Group had recently met virtually.
- b) **Action: GT to confirm with KSHS on an October time frame and to speak to SP and others about the format and delivery of the event.** It was reported that this action would not progress further at this stage due to SP being unable to commit to giving a presentation together with the uncertain times of the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- c) **Action: Mark Bamford offered to liaise with schools and ask about suitable subjects, levels to fit with their curriculum and timetable and report back to the Group.** Primary schools had been approached and it was reported that there had been a change to the curriculum therefore, this action was ongoing.

4. **Briefing to STC and Project Planning**

It was reported that the some of the Public Access Working Group had submitted amendments to the original business case report produced by GT.

Action: GT to amend the original business case report taking into consideration the suggested amendments. The original report to be abbreviated to give a clear overview with possible recommendations for Full Council to discuss.

5. **Report from Hist/Arch Working Group**

DB gave a verbal update following a recent meeting of the above Working Group. It was reported that the WG discussed at length costs involved for future archaeology investigations. The WG discussed the time scales for various surveys and were hopeful that a 'Community Excavation' could happen as early as summer 2022. Three key activities were discussed: resistivity survey, auguring, survey on KSHS ground.

Action: DB to contact PCF regarding funding sources and a survey of the Kesteven High School ground.

Action: Office to confirm the remaining budget from STC.

6. **Any Other Business**

- LES - Possible organised walks around the Castlefield site with members of the public – (link in walks with SMT talk in March 2022)

Action: DB to contact DT

- Heritage Trail – Possibility of extending the Trail to include the Castlefield Site which would need a temporary plaque and a QR Code.

7. **Date of next meeting**

Monday 22nd November 2021 at 2pm, in the Town Hall.