

SLEAFORD CASTLE HERITAGE GROUP

Meeting held electronically, via Zoom on Monday 23rd August 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 meeting and introduced Cllr KF, who is a new member of the group.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from MS and PCF.

3. **Minutes**

The notes from the last meeting held on 12th July 2021, were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. It was noted that actions from this meeting were either complete or ongoing.

The ongoing actions are:

- a) **Action: Set up a separate working group to progress a business plan.** David Marriage, Faith Hopkins, Brenda Hitchcock, Linda Edwards-Shea and Garry Titmus would form the group.
- 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.**
- 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.**

4. **Update on SCHG Progress Report (May 21) to STC**

There was a discussion regarding an alternative access to the Castlefield site and whether Sleaford Town Council would support in principle a new public access for Sleaford Castle via a pedestrian bridge from the public pathway into the site.

It was suggested that the SCHG submit a brief report seeking for support in principle from STC for the SCHG to continue investigations into access to the site.

At this point DB left the meeting.

5. **Inclusion of Castlefield in Sleaford Neighbourhood Plan**

It was mentioned that another access point to the site would be a fundamental aspect of the project.

It was confirmed that the Castlefield site would be looked at through the Sleaford Neighbourhood Development Plan's assessment of the town's open green spaces.

Action: GT to draft a report on behalf of the SCHG to feed into the Neighbourhood Plan.

6. Update on formation of His/Arch WG

DT gave a brief update of the current position of the Working Group. A date for the WG meeting was being organised (MB to advise).

7. Any Other Business

The ditch at the Castlefield site needs maintenance work carrying out. It was suggested that STC contact the Robert Carre Trust and LCC to establish who is responsible for repairing fencing and removing a fallen tree.

8. Date of next meeting

Monday 18th October 2020 at 2pm, in the Town Hall.