

TAMAR PROTECTION SOCIETY

Minutes of the Meeting held at Elliott's, Saltash

Wednesday 11 October 2017 at 6.30pm

Present: Brigette Dixon (Chair), Maggie Mabbitt, Benita Pedley, Gerry Sweet, Helen Smith, Sandra Pitkeathly, Linda Lilley, Michael Couch, Michael Nettle, Sue Richardson (Minute Secretary).

1. APOLOGIES

Theo Sweet, Margaret Lewis.

All present passed their best wishes to TS via GS.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING: HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2017

Agreed, approved and signed.

3. ROUND TABLE AOB

MC noted that the recent "walking group" visit had given a £30 donation.

The demise of the 'old' £1 coin was discussed.

AP: MN & MC to check floats at both venues for 'old' £1 coins.

BD queried the noticeboard at the library for advertising forthcoming events.

AP: HS will check, **BD** to email **HS** posters and **MM** to provide spare posters as required.

4. ACCREDITATION

GS confirmed that the Accreditation application had been approved. Thanks and a small gift was passed to him for all his efforts in the process. Areas for improvement had been identified and all agreed that these would be looked at in 2018. This is a full Accreditation and is valid for approximately 3 years at which point the Museum will be invited to demonstrate continuing compliance with the standard.

BP suggested this was a newsworthy story.

AP: BD to follow up.

AP: GS to request a social media update via Chris Turner.

5. ACCOUNTS

LL advised that the summary provided to the meeting had some discrepancies. These were due to holiday periods and lack of access to cheque stubs.

Discussed and will be rectified next month.

BD asked for the £500 to be transferred back to the Grant Account, all agreed.

AP: LL to reconcile accounts and make agreed transfer.

6. GARDENING

SP asked when Mark Snellgrove would be commencing the works in the garden. BD agreed to chase and clarify dates. A boundary is required where the rosemary bushes have been removed; all agreed a dwarf lavender hedge would suffice. The proposed pond, funded by Sandra was discussed along with the associated safety requirements.

AP: BD to chase for dates. **SP** to investigate lavender hedge. **SP & MN** to liaise on pond and safety issues with Stephen Lilley.

7. STEWARDING

All agreed that at the moment stewarding requirements were not needed.

8. BOOKINGS/EVENTS/NEWSLETTER

- Paranormal Evening at MNC: 28 October.
- Courtlands School visit: 10 November – 12 -15 people.
- Saltash Christmas Lights switch on; Elliotts open from 3pm: 2 December.
- Meet at MNC: 9 December 11am to decorate cottage for Xmas.
- Christmas Carol Service at MNC: 10 December 3-5pm.
- Christmas Meal at Ploughboy, Saltash: 10 January 2018 7pm.
- National Gardens Days: 10 June & 22 July 2018
- Memorial event: 7 July 2018
- Mind Body & Spirit: 14 July 2018
- Wembury History Society: 15 July 2018 – Approx 30 for Cream Tea TBC
- Mayflower 400 events: November 2019-2020

AP: GS to chase Courtlands for info ref their booking.

AP: BD to check and book Ploughboy for Xmas Meal.

AP: BD to order 48 mini mince pies for collection by **BP** on 8/9 December for MNC Carol Service.

AP: MC to purchase Christmas biscuits for Elliotts for Christmas Lights switch on and to move excess Mulled Wine to MNC for Carol Service.

AP: GS will ask Chris Turner to add reference to Mayflower 400 to all social media to ensure pick up via Google searches.

9. PROPERTY

MNC:

BD will confirm that the building work at MNC will be finished by 25 October. Help will be required to paint the ceiling, which was not part of the works. MN advised that works seemed to be nearly complete but some equipment was left on site.

The chimney work is outstanding; all agreed that this needs to be completed before end of November or left until after Christmas.

AP: All to assist with ceiling painting and repositioning of furniture where possible. **BD** to check chimney work dates with Sean.

BD suggested that a full electrical check was undertaken at MNC on completion of the building work, all agreed; with additional check of the intercom at Elliotts (see below).

AP: BD to arrange.

BP has contacted Penny Hood re the costumes and comb for MNC.

Flat:

It was agreed that the new tenant was lovely and no issues to date.

MC advised that a fire safety check had been completed at Elliotts; a new CO2 extinguisher was required along with updated signage, costs being around £70. Costs were approved and it was noted that a similar check was due at MNC in November.

AP: MC to comply with fire safety recommendations and **GS** to arrange fire safety check for MNC.

MC asked that the intercom at Elliotts be checked with the electric check at MNC.

AP: BD to arrange as above.

10. CHAIR

BD asked everyone to continue research for the 2018 exhibition:

Saltash/Cornish people who had achieved something notable prior to 20th

Century. GS advised that he had undertaken some research and suggested 2

people: [Mary Snell Rundle](#) (Nursing Education 1874-1937) and [William Penn Symons](#) (Boar War 1843-1899). All agreed these were suitable choices.

AP: All to research further and follow up in January 2018. **BD** to source costumes and medals.

The existing costumes at Elliotts, on loan from Theatre Royal were discussed.

AP: BD will try to secure extension of the loan of costumes.

BP suggested that a mannequin of Mr Elliott Snr be placed in the shop by the counter; all agreed this was a good idea.

AP: BD will source appropriate costume.

Sarah has contacted BD regarding a date for the Memorial plaques, this was discussed and agreed as 7 July 2018; with Ruth am and Sarah's parents pm.

AP: BD to advise dates and request a photo of Ruth.

BD advised that there was no specific theme from the Saltash lights committee for the Christmas window decorations.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8 November 6.30pm at Elliott's Boardroom.

Signed..... Dated