

## **MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE & CULTURE COMMITTEE**

### **MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2015**

Present: Cllr H Partridge – Chairman (Part), L Moores - Chairman

Cllrs: A Biggs, F Partridge, P Tilzey

In Attendance: Cllrs L Watson

Mrs A Longley - Volunteer Coordinator (VC)

Mr A Morgan – Promotions, Marketing and Events Officer (PM&EO)

*The Chair (Cllr H Partridge) asked that her thanks to the recently retired Town Clerk be recorded. Mrs Kett's work with the heritage trust was key in delivering The Castle and Heritage Centre projects.*

#### **HC/001/15**

##### **Election of Chairman**

Cllr L Moores was proposed and seconded

**Resolved: That Cllr L Moores be elected Chairman of the Heritage & Culture Committee**

*Cllr L Moores took the chair*

#### **HC/002/15**

##### **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Cllrs P La Broy

#### **HC/003/15**

##### **To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests**

None

#### **HC/004/15**

**Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations** (*for which a 'Dispensation Request' form must have been completed and submitted to the Proper Officer at least 3 working days prior to the meeting*)

None

#### **HC/005/15**

**Maximum 15 minutes for electors present to put questions or make observations regarding the Heritage & Culture Committee Questions must be directed through the chairman.**

An elector raised the following:

- A former member of the heritage trust echoed the remarks regarding the retired Clerk.
- With regards to agenda item 8 (Helebridge Timbers) a member of the Canal and Harbour Society has been in discussion with an expert in tidal mills. A request was made that the C14 testing reports be emailed to the expert. The PM&EO confirmed that this would be sent the following day.
- With regards to agenda item 9 (Discussion on Helebridge collection) the Canal and Harbour Society are pleased with the quality of the new roof however some of the collection has not been put back in the correct place. The PM&EO asked the committee if Mr Jewel of the Canal and Harbour Society could speak on point 9. This was agreed.
- Mr Jewel also confirmed that the Canal and Harbour Society will soon have the dates for Helebridge Summer opening and this would be circulated via the PM&EO.

#### **HC/006/15**

##### **Minutes:**

**(i) To consider and approve the minutes of the H&C Committee meeting held on 18 December 2014**

*Point of accuracy: the circulated minutes are dated the 18<sup>th</sup> of November not 18<sup>th</sup> December.*

**Resolved: That with the above point of accuracy the minutes are a true and accurate record and that they be signed by the Chairman**

(ii) matters arising from the minutes  
None

**HC/007/15**

**Archive Volunteer Co-ordinator: report**

The VC reported on the positive feedback comments left in the visitor book in relation to the recent archive exhibition "Maritime Bude". The exhibition included paintings, models, pictures and artifacts from the archive collection. The Chairman thanked the archive team for their hard work. Updates were also given regarding the activities of individual team members, 2 work experience volunteers and 2 new volunteers who sadly felt the archive was not the right opportunity for them.

**HC/008/15**

**Helebridge Barge Workshop: update on display of timbers**

The PM&EO added to the electors comments to say that he was still seeking advice or an expert to offer advice via the museums service.

**HC/009/15**

**Helebridge Barge Workshop: discussion on the Helebridge collection**

The PM&EO mentioned a conversation he had with Mr Jewel of the Canal and Harbour Society regarding the collection at Helebridge. Some of the artefacts stored at Helebridge are not relevant to the overall exhibition and their condition may be deteriorating due to the conditions within the workshop and may receive better care if loaned to specialist museums. The PM&EO suggested that he visit the workshop with the Canal and Harbour Society and the archive volunteers and make recommendations on rationalising the collection.

**Resolved: That the PM&EO meet with interested parties to review the Helebridge collection and make recommendations back to this committee.**

**HC/010/15**

**Grant Funding: update on donation box funding**

The PM&EO updated the committee on the donation box project. Grant funding was received for artist funded donation boxes however the artist nominated by the museums service has taken employment elsewhere. The PM&EO and Chairman were forced to make a decision and felt that the alternative donation boxes were not suitable and the grant should be returned. The committee asked the PM&EO to investigate having a simple wood and Perspex box made locally.

**HC/011/15**

**Old Forge: update**

The PM&EO reported that due to other workload the project had not moved forward. He was disappointed that outstanding works had not been completed and an external supplier would be sought. He confirmed that if the chimney works were not completed the aim would be to open with a static display until the chimney was functioning correctly.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.36pm

Signed.....Date.....