

MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE:

Held at the Guildhall on Wednesday 31 January 2018

Present:

Cllr Nigel Kay
Cllr Mike Cosgrove
Cllr Claire Belsom
Hannah Tilley

Cllr David Simmons
Cllr A Hook
Ted Davis
Clive Foreman
Louise Bareham - Secretary

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Geoff Wade

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

Previous minutes were agreed. Confirmation that the map has been collected from Tassells.

4. HLF Meeting

NK, GW, LB, Martin Goodhew of SBC and Paul Sharrock of Thomas Ford & Partners met with Judith Carruthers and Lucy Robinson of HLF.

HLF stressed the fund was very competitive due to the changes and reduction of funds. JC appeared keen on the idea of a heritage hub, concluding it would be an extension to existing museums and not a new museum. She would like to see a reduction in capital costs and an increase in activities. It was also confirmed that they would like to see a board made up of all the museums; this is likely to be the already existing Faversham Museums Group, which would oversee No 12. Plus at least two partnership agreements place by round 1 and five in total for round 2. Salary costs were also considered to be low and JC will forward salary information.

MC asked if guidelines were available and these are online. The focus was very much on providing evidence and showing the need; deficiencies in other museums, lack of space.

MC thought the idea of a cultural buzz 'market town of heritage'; similar to Hull City of Culture would work. CF noted that Derby City had 3 museums working together and suggested that model of working would be worth investigating.

It was also agreed that forming a relationship with Canterbury would be helpful and HT has already started work on this. However, concern over the lack of coach parking was raised.

It was agreed

- To arrange a meeting with the Faversham Society to discuss how they would like to be involved with the project
- To list all organisations to be included
- Form a working group with the Faversham Society and others to take an active part
- Undertake an audit of skills and space
- Provide a timeline for the application; to include first draft date
 - 10 organisations to be involved; participate; deadline; meeting; management structure
- Use People & Places tourism information

Plan B was not discussed in length, however it was agreed Kent Community Foundation could be contacted with a view to funding.

5. CCU

The CCU has generously offered to put on exhibitions and have received an internal grant for outreach. We will now need to look at how they can be involved with the wider heritage of the town. CF confirmed that the Fleur were looking to concentrate on 'Faversham Folk'.

NK had assumed that the project would need more help from them in the way of exhibitions, but it might be more of a relationship with the board. The Faversham Society has no links with universities. The CCU has links with visual film making, curating and presentation skills, as well as the tourism department.

Cllr Cosgrove left the meeting at 18.00.

6. Building Update

The works are currently 20 working days behind, due to the excess amount of concrete in the foundation and the problem with the loading bearing wall on the lift shaft. Thomas Ford are confident that much of this can be made up during the remaining project.

Two quotations were provided for the office furniture. It was proposed by Cllr Kay, seconded by Cllr Belsom and on being put the meeting it was ***RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk be given delegated powers to accept the cheapest quotation***

7. Engagement and Activities

HT confirmed three talks were booked:

- April with Dr David Wright
- June with Anthony Millet on the Old Grammar School
- October in collaboration with Rev Rowlands on the wall paintings

A meeting is also going to be arranged with Sarah Stanley of Kent Archives on collaboration work with schools.

The next meeting of Faversham Museums Group was confirmed for 12 February at 2pm.

8. Any Other Business

None

9. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 28 February, 5pm