

Minutes Full Committee Meeting

Monday 05 August 2019. Held at Holme Head House, Carlisle



Action

- 1 **Agenda**
Introduction and Apologies
Present: Mike Little Chairman, Roger Sealey Vice Chairmen, Janis Jeffrey, John Mather, Terry Jolley, Frank Jeffrey & Emmy Sealey.
Apologies: John Kelsall
Declarations of Interests: N/a
Minutes of the last Full Committee Meeting held on 15th July 2019 was signed by the Chairman. ML, JM
Matters arising from the last Minutes: N/a

- 2 **Reports.** JK, JJ, JM
Interim Finance update.
Janis J submitted an interim financial statement. See report, attached.
She was pleased to note that the Trust has gained seven new members. It was agreed that John M is to e-mail those four members who have still not paid their 2019 annual subscriptions
Garden Village Update
An e-mail report was received from John K updating the Committee on the proposals for the Garden Village.

- 3 **Project update** JM
Website matters/website address
As previously requested, John M provided Mike L a document indicating how to access e-mails on the Trust's website.
Heritage Commemoration Project/Viewing images on website.
Mike L led a discussion on how best to store and categorise the images of the District's plaques and monuments.

It was agreed that John M to review the system of sub categories used by other Trusts who have already carried out similar projects, e.g. Burnley Civic Trust with a view to recommending a suitable and appropriate categories.

Blue Plaques-John William Laing.

The Trust confirmed receipt of additional information from Alex Finkenrath, Publications and Commercial Manager for the John Laing Charitable Trust (JLCT) explaining Sir John Laing's achievements.

He also explained that Sir John's descendants, who are trustees of the John Laing Charitable Trust, had suggested an amendment to the original proposed wording to reflect Sir John's strong Christianity. He explained that all Sir John's achievements were founded in Christianity. For instance he would not take any profit when building any place of work irrespective of the religion involved.

Consequently, it was agreed that in recognition of Sir John's belief that the Trust was now agreeable to award a blue plaque with the amended wording, as agreed by the JLCT, namely:

Philanthropist, committed Christian, Founder of John Laing plc.

It was also agreed that:

- John M to contact Roger Higgins at Carlisle City Council requesting permission to site the plaque at Sir John's former home, 42 St. James Road.
- The trust to will organise production of the plaque, a draft to be submitted to JLCT for their approval.
- JLCT to confirm that they are still agreeable to our quote of approximately £500 for production of the plaque.
- The Trust to endeavour to find out the current owner of the 42 St. James Road, and how long Sir James lived there.
- John M to seek permission from the present owner to site the plaque.

4 Heritage/planning/conservation issues

RS

Central Plaza Update

Roger S confirmed that he recently contacted Roger Higgins, Carlisle City Council, and received a brief update on the current condition of the building and what the Council intends doing with the building.

Borderlands Project/Carlisle City Gateway & Citadel

The Trust noted the recent press announcements regarding the above and looked forward to receiving more details.

Proposed demolition of Civic Centre Rotunda

An update is awaited

- 5 **Carlisle City Council Economic and Planning Control Plans**
Roger S to investigate the presence and availability of the above plans.

6 **Any Other Business**

RS, JM

- Mike L stressed the importance of cherishing and appreciating the history and heritage of the city, whilst also acknowledging the issues affecting lack of maintenance and empty properties.
Consequently, he proposed that the Trust gives consideration to an informal meeting for the New Year when the Trust and members could discuss issues as the future of the city, current planning and heritage issues with invited representatives from appropriate organisations within the city.
- Terry Jolley indicated that he was intending to resign from the Committee at the AGM. Mike L wished to thank Terry on behalf of everyone on the Committee for all his invaluable efforts and advice throughout his many years involvement with the Committee and particularly those years where he served as the previous Chairman.

7 **Dates of future meeting and forthcoming events**

Revised date of Executive Committee Meeting:

Monday 16th September 2019, at 10.00am at Cakes and Ale.

Full Committee Meeting:

Monday 15th October 2019, at 5.30pm at Holme Head House, Denton Street.

Talk and AGM

Tuesday 10th September 2019, Church bells and their Churches, at 7:00pm at Waterton Hall.