

THE CORFE CASTLE TOWN TRUST

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MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3TH OCTOBER 2017

Present: Louise Haywood (Chair), Emma Grinsted (Secretary), Colin Fuller, Angela Sturch, Tony Bryan, Steve Clarke, Nigel Dragon, Mary Wills, Peter Morrison-Wells

Apologies: Rupert Spicer-Short, Andy Withers (Treasurer), John Lindsay, Dawn Lindsay, Vicky de Wit

Absences: Rev Ian Jackson

Appointment of a new trustee – Mark Taylor has sadly resigned due to ill health. We all wish him well. Louise wrote to thank him for all his help with the Trust during the time he has been with us. Vicky de Wit was put forward as a suggested new trustee. No other nominations were received. She is the museums advisor for Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole and is currently helping The Trust, and other museums with Accreditation. Colin proposed the appointment and Steve seconded it and it was unanimously agreed by the meeting that she is appointed as a trustee. **4th October – Louise wrote to Vicky to inform her of the Trustees' decision and sent her the commission scheme, the list of what the trust looks after, the history of The Trust and a list of the present Trustees.**

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting (5th July 2017)

- a. Mace and Seal: Dorchester museum is currently having alteration work carried out which may not be completed for another 18 months. They say that they will need to re-assess the space available and see if there is space for the mace and seal once the work has been completed.
- b. Statuette: Ian Harris is considering whether he wishes his Statuette of St Edward to be on show in the Museum as the church, via the diocese, has now told him that it cannot reside in the church.
- c. Collecting boxes: Angela has offered to renovate the collecting boxes.
- d. Old film: Tony has begun copying the old film on VHS. He has copied 'The Vicar in his Parish' and David Brinley's old silent movies; the copyright for this rests with Trilith. There is still a copy of Mary Spencer Watson's sculpture on VHS that needs copying. Tony will try and look at the 8mm film before he gets them copied to make sure they are worth preserving. All Trustees are going to see if they have a projector that can be used for this. Tony is owed £15 from the previous copying.
- e. The hanging hook from The Fox for the seal still needs to be retrieved. **6th October – Tony spoke to Graham about the hanging hook, he would like to keep it as the CCTT presented it to him in thanks for all his fundraising. Tony will speak to the blacksmith to get a price for another mounting frame.**

Correspondence - We were contacted by Arts4Dementia asking if we were interested in becoming a dementia friendly museum. The consensus was that we would be unable to help this organisation due to our voluntary

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nature. *4th October – Louise emailed Beth Stansfield, the person who contacted her initially. She has now left this organisation so Louise decided not to pursue this topic further.*

We were contacted by Mr Lew Fletcher, a visitor to the museum, who had noted that only 5 names were listed on the label concerning the Purbeck Stone Quarries. He asked if we could record his uncle Jimmy Chinchin as the sixth male in one of the photos. He comes from a long line of Marblers. Louise will email the family once the task has been completed as they offered to send a donation. Tony has agreed to update the label.

The Bankes Project wants to record some oral history from Bankes tenants and villagers. Louise has suggested Mary Wills, Nick Moss and Barbara Canning as candidates to be interviewed and possibly Jill Bevis and Trish Sherwood as well.

Chairman's Report – Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report – Tony reported that he has collected £682 from the museum collection boxes. Andy sent a message that there was nothing to report as far as he was concerned.

Museum Report – Nothing to report.

Town Hall Report – Colin will look at the ballcock in the toilet.

Bookings – We have had the regular bookings from the Parish Council and Corfe Castle Community Land Trust, but nothing further.

Accreditation – The sub-committee met last week to discuss the Emergency Plan and what would happen in the case of a fire or similar emergency. The committee considered where artefacts would be stored once salvaged. Colin will liaise with the fire brigade to let them know about the list of items that need to be removed first. Rupert is producing this list. Items could be stored temporarily at Swanage Railway Station and the Church has also been asked if they would be willing to store stuff briefly until the items could be moved to the container. We will put emergency contact phone numbers in the local shops in case there are problems. All trustees will be put on an emergency call out list unless they opt out. We need to make sure all trustees have keys. **Action: Everyone to bring their keys to the next meeting to see who has what.**

AOB

- a. Steve has produced a 'think piece' about the Museum's future. Other trustees were encouraged to produce their thoughts for forward planning so that we can have a discussion on all the ideas and suggestions at a meeting next year. Steve was thanked for writing this.

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Trustees: Tony Bryan, Steve Clarke, Nigel Dragon, Colin Fuller, Emma Grinsted (Secretary), Louise Haywood (Chair), Rev. Ian Jackson, Peter Morrison-Wells, Rupert Spicer-Short, Mary Wills, Angela Sturch, Vicky de Wit
Honorary Officers: Dawn Lindsay (Booking Secretary), John Lindsay (Booking Secretary), Andy Withers (Treasurer)

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- b. The Summer Exhibition on Agriculture was well received and it was agreed to keep it up for a while. 337 people came to view the exhibits and the sum of £33.59 was raised. In future, the exhibitions need to be advertised better. Everyone who helped, in whatever way, was thanked for giving up their time.
- c. It is hoped to organise a Christmas Supper. Louise will ask Ed and Emily about the availability of The Model Village. *5th October – the Model Village is not doing any functions this Christmas due to Ed's health. Louise is now looking into other options.*

Diary Dates:

Christmas Supper -	Wednesday 13 th December 2017
Town Trust Meeting -	Wednesday 10 th January 2018
Town Trust Meeting -	Wednesday 11 th April 2018
Town Trust Meeting -	Wednesday 4 th July 2018
Town Trust Meeting -	Tuesday 2 nd October 2018

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 7.30pm, Town Hall