

Notes of the meeting of the Almonry Community Heritage Project Working Group

15 February 2018

Present :

BTC David Furness, Carol Harris
BMLH Robert Emeleus, Margaret Emeleus
TIME Olivia Post, Mike Dawes
BVADC Lesley Samms
BDHS George Kiloh, Keith Ford

1. Apologies for absence – Cllrs J Gyngell, M Howell and M Kiloh, N Williams (EH)

2. Notes from the meeting of 23 January 2018 were agreed.

3. Terms of reference were discussed and agreed as attached. Membership was confirmed as: BTC: Cllrs Furness, Kiloh, Gyngell (Howell reserve); BMLH: Adrian and Sarah Hall (*Post meeting note: Adrian and Sarah Hall are not available to join this Group. Further advice is awaited*); TIME: Olivia Post, Mike Dawes; BVADC Lesley Samms; English Heritage: Natasha Williams.

4. Bid writers and agree recommendation to F&GP

Only 2 written expressions of interest: architect at £75ph; fundraiser £35ph. OP advised that ESCC have a bid writer that could assist. It was agreed that further research should be made on options to allow F&GP to make a decision.

5. Elements of bid

Background information on the original proposal for the Almonry, current plans for the interactive information furniture and Town Model exhibit and the ongoing Heritage Arts Trail was stated. It was agreed that these should all be included within the project which would enhance the HLF criteria for inclusivity. CH confirmed that RDC had indicated a willingness to discuss appointing an employee to work in the Almonry building which would increase sustainability of the project and provide a community point. The scheme would include a town information point and the Almonry would provide an education and historical research room.

6. Timetable and facilitators of action

Written agreement from Jempsons for use of the bandstand	-	CH
Providers of smart street furniture	-	OP
Indicative costs for scheme	-	CH
Requests for letters of support	-	CH
Circulation of previous HLF inquiry/response and approved plans	-	CH

Presentation of proposals to be made at the Parish Assembly on 24 April.

Application made by 16 August 2018.

7. Date & time of next meeting – to be confirmed

Meeting closed 7.10pm