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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, 29th March 2022

Present: DM, KB, MH, BK, AH, HW, TS, JW, SK, LM, JC

Part I

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HG, CW, AS	
Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None	
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">JW proposed, KB seconded. The minutes were approved	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cleve Hill: There has been an exchange with Vicky Ellis from CPRE Kent, as SBC and Natural England have issued a licence to the Cleve Hill Solar Power Station for the water vole work, as originally proposed. They have not noted the critical comments posted on the Planning Inspectorate website. CPRE and The Kent Wildlife Trust have been looking into it and it may be that the	

	<p>licence was granted in error. Work is being undertaken to understand if the licence can be revoked or amended. A second action is to look out for other instances where the capacity of the regulatory agencies isn't at the right level to scrutinise all licence applications fully.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JW asked for Board members to confirm whether they are attending the 60th anniversary event at Doddington. The event is for volunteers but not spouses due to capacity 	
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Board Standing Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KB presented the Standing Committee's minutes. HW raised that the museum reception has been used as a bit of a dumping ground for things that people do not know what to do with. HW asked the Standing Committee to consider how we ensure this does not happen. JC said that when Giles returns, he will seal the doorway between the bookshop and museum, and this should resolve the issue. HW and JC will liaise on the removal of books from the gallery. - DM received a petition regarding the opening between the bookshop and the museum should remain open. DM will send to the Board, and JC will organise a response in order to explain the rationale for closing the opening. - The Fleur Hall will be used by FSARG for a training session. HW will let them in, as the Hall is alarmed, but HW is making the Board aware it is happening. - The President of the Faversham Club have asked whether it is ok for them to put a ladder in our car park to have their roof repaired. The Board agreed we should give access. <p>Museum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HW raised that they are aiming for the museum to be open during the Easter holidays. - There are some large items to move – MH suggested he’s happy to help. <p>Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has not met <p>PEEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has not met <p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In relation to Abbeyfields, Ray Harrison and JC met the planning barrister. He has prepared a paper that has been submitted to Swale. It is now on Swale’s planning portal. - The Board thanked Ray Harrison and JC for their work on Abbeyfields. 	
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BK presented that the Society has set up a legacies fund. • This year, the Society has received a very significant legacy donation. • BK is making arrangements of how to ensure security of our funds given this donation. The Finance Committee agreed that these funds should be secured, and in a way that earns as much interest as possible. • The Society has taken back the amount it had on deposit with Virgin Bank. • The Charities Aid Foundation, through their platform, managed by Flagstone, undertakes to provide subscribers with a list of banks, ranked according to safety and then according to return on investment. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAF has acknowledged our application, but due to regulatory issues, it will take some time. BK will hopefully in the next week or two be able to access the platform and choose a selection of banks according to their safety and the ROI they provide. • The Finance Committee will also present to Board a plan for how these funds might be earmarked for present and future use. • The Board thanked BK for his work on this and approved his proceeding with the plan. • LM raised that the Board will need to discuss the earmarking of funds, and while the Finance Committee's advice will be very important, the Board should be the decision-making body. • MH added that there may be a degree of urgency regarding earmarking funds for projects and investments, due to the rate of inflation. • TS raised that a workshop may be needed to discuss our spending plans. • JC suggested a degree of confidentiality is needed, as time is required to make plans. 	
SLA for VIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AH developed the SLA. The Board approved this. - LM queried whether we should confirm it is for the financial year - AH confirmed that our insurance will cover our people. - HW raised whether our SBC grant will cover costs and AH confirmed that is the intention. 	
AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AGM will take place on the 1st June • LM, SK, KB, TS, BK and TS are up for re-election. • SK will not be standing for re-election. Every else intends to. The Board thanked SK for her contribution. • The Board agreed that DM and JW should explore the best way for AS to retain Board membership. • There is a speaker for the AGM from the University of Kent. • Graham Warner resigned in Sept 2020. 	
Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KB raised an approach by the hop festival organisers for support in creating a History of Hop Picking display for 12 Market Place during the festival. The Museum Committee will look at the proposal in their 	

	<p>next meeting, but JC raised the board should support in principle as it may create family focus to the festival. KB will reply to the hop festival organisers and copy HW.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC raised that the Town Council has provided window coverings for the bookshop on a temporary basis and volunteers should be aware. • JC also raised that the rubbish will be removed next week. • The shrubs will be pruned in the Georgian shopfront garden next week. • JW reminded trustees of the Arden of Faversham talk in the guildhall on 23rd April. 	
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AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Officers Report	Chair's Report	

NOTES:

Part II

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Confidential matters		

Next Meetings

Date	Agenda
29 th March 2022	Board of Trustees

Future Business

