

Guisborough Town Hall Gateway Project



Meeting notes

Progress Meeting 11: 11 April 2017, 6pm, Sunnyfield House, Guisborough

Present:

Andrew Murray (AM)	Chair
Dennis Teasdale (DT)	Vice Chair
Shelagh Holyoake (SH)	Guisborough resident
Ellie Goodall (EG)	Laurence Jackson School - Teacher
Hazel Meynell (HM)	Guisborough resident
Honor Teasdale (HT)	Guisborough resident
Bill Clarke (BC)	Guisborough resident
Colin Pyrah (CP)	Heritage Consultant
Scott Johnston (SJ)	Laurence Jackson School Student
Lorna Buckle (LB)	Guisborough resident / Guisborough Town Pride
Sue Wilkinson (SW)	Resident
Martin Smith (MS)	Guisborough Town Pride
Andrew Richardson (AR)	RCBC Officer

Apologies:

Ken Horner, Bill Suthers, Caroline Jackson, Adrian Harris, Eleanor Richardson, Maddy Barlow, Sam Whittle.

Distribution:

All of the above plus those on the reference group list, RCBC Officers (as required) and uploaded to www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/guisboroughtownhall

1. Minutes from the last meeting, 28 March 2017

Agreed as a true record.

2. Matters Arising

All items covered in the agenda.

3. Funding / Bid development

The project has been assigned a Grant / Development Officer, Steven Hughes, in relation to our HLF Resilient Heritage bid. Steven replaces Zelda as our main point of contact for the project though Zelda will be kept informed of progress.

*As per the Prince of Wales letter, BS and AR will look at the Prince's Charitable Foundation which also offers small grants to projects such as this – Ongoing from previous meeting.

*BS to look into the North York Moors NP small grants scheme – Ongoing from previous meeting.

Community Bricks crowd funding – Discussion around this concluded that it is a good idea, would be well supported and could generate significant match-funding to a major bid. Bill Suthers will present his research into this at the next meeting. CP explained how his worked with Whitby Steps. The key to success will be to launch this at an appropriate stage of the project when people can see a tangible and deliverable scheme as projects have done this in the past and not actually delivered on the project. Also key is having a website properly aligned to do this justice...

Website – The project needs a good quality website. AM has looked into a few options and £149 seemed to be the cheapest service he could find to design and host such a site. CP urged caution on looking just at price as a good quality website could be a big factor in the success of the project. Agreed actions were for CP to provide a list of contacts to obtain quotes and to look at a two phase approach to establish a basic site on a solid foundation and then look to enhance it when funds and plans allow. Input from Prior Pursglove College or local schools / businesses should not be ruled out as a cost effective way to establish a website with local support.

Update on RCBC Councillor funding request – In addition to the £700 from the Guisborough Councillors, DT, BC and SH have agreed to top-up the account to £1000 through their allowances.

4. Meeting Structure

AM explained the project now has a core membership that attend the majority of meetings and input regularly into proceedings. In order to maintain momentum with the project and focus on key tasks it is proposed that future meetings will remain publically accessible¹ but any members of the public will have a defined slot in the meeting to discuss their matters otherwise the agenda and decision-making will be set by the members present who will be the only people with voting rights. SH and BC to pull together a short note detailing how

¹ Meeting notes and agendas will continue to be published on the website page and all work will remain in the public domain.

this would work for formal ratification at the next meeting and any changes will be documented on the website.

5. Communications and PR

Klondike Bike Race feedback – The event was a great success and there were lots of positive comments about the Town Hall Gateway Project, in particular the impact of the banner and the students from LJS in their t-shirts handing out leaflets. A huge thank you from the Chair to all involved.

Banner – As per above this had the desired effect for the bike race with lots of people commenting both in person and in the media. As per advice, the banner has now been removed subject to formal applications being made to the Local planning Authority with the intention that the banner will go back up to mark the next key milestone in the project.

Blue plaque trail – LB explained that she was instrumental in setting up this trail and that the Town Hall features prominently on it. It would therefore be good to see the building restored to further add to the narrative for this part of the trail.

Extended Learning newsletter – The GTH Gateway Project is featured in the newsletter which goes out to every Primary School student. Thanks to Christine Saunders for her efforts with this.

Press – There will be a four-page pull-out in the next Coastal View and Moor News local paper due out 12 April.

Please do keep copies of all publications that feature the project and pass a copy to Ken Horner who has a publicity file for the project

LB mentioned that she has worked with broadcaster and architectural historian John Grundy in the past and will contact him about the Town Hall.

6. AOB

DT is going to look into getting extra t-shirts / polo shirts printed at a local printing shop.

CP referenced the Wells Maltings Trust in Wells, Norfolk that has a number of similarities to the GTH Gateway project. Well worth a search on Google as they have an excellent website and are looking to achieve similar things to this project.

<http://www.wellsmaltings.org.uk/>

Date of next meeting:

25 April 2017

6pm, Sunnyfield House, Guisborough.