

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THOROTON COUNCIL HELD AT LENTON
GROVE, UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM, ON FRIDAY, 20th OCTOBER
2017, from 5pm to 6.40pm

PRESENT

J Beckett	B Cast	D Crook	M Dorrington	T Foulds	R Gaunt
A	D Hoskins	R James	C King	D Knight	A Langton
Henstock					
C Little	P	H Nicholson	P Smith	M Trueman	J Wilson
	Messenger				

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Martyn Bennett, Philip Jones and Judith Mills.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 19th May 2017, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4a - Regarding the White Book of Southwell, David Crook reported that the volume edited by Michael Jones and others was due to be published shortly and should be available around Easter 2018.

4 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Professor Beckett reported on the following matters:-

- a) e-Bulletin - this was now being compiled by Andrew Nicholson from items forwarded to him by Barbara Cast. He continued to distribute it to members.
- b) The Welbeck Atlas - in view of the small number of volumes still in stock, the Standing Committee recommended a reprint. Further discussion about this took place under agenda item 5 Publications.
- c) Treasurer and Membership Secretary - proposed realignment of duties - there being no member expressing a willingness to take on the role of Hon Treasurer following John Wilson's intention to retire from the role in April 2018, the duties of the two above roles had been reconsidered and Judith Mills would now take responsibility for all membership business and JW would continue to oversee the Society's financial business. Council thanked JW for continuing in this realigned role.
- d) Geoffrey Bond Research Award - there had been three applications and the panel had selected two to receive awards - Southwell Community Archaeology

Group in the sum of £1500 for its project to research, compare and document the wall-paintings in the Saracens Head, Southwell, and £500 to Bassetlaw Christian Heritage for its project to identify, research and document information on the unique part the Bassetlaw area played in Christian history and which are held in archives, churches and orally.

- e) Membership leaflet - it was proposed that a new membership leaflet be produced to ensure that the information was fully up to date. Members were requested to send Judith Mills any recent photographs of Society interest they might have which could be included in the leaflet.
- f) Lowdham Book Festival June 2018 - Steph Mastoris would be talking about the Welbeck Atlas during the festival.

5 PUBLICATIONS REPORT

- a) Transactions - the Chair explained that too many copies had been printed over the last few years, leading to a surplus. In future the Membership Secretary would ensure that the Editors received accurate membership numbers prior to submission of the volume to the printers. Martyn Bennett had sent a report on the five history articles received. Chris King informed Council that there were three archaeology reports, including archaeological reports from Bingham and Toton and an article on the industrial complex at Papplewick. There were one or two possible items in addition and the Notts History Lecture article was awaited.
- b) Record Series - Adrian Henstock reported that no progress had been made regarding a Welbeck Atlas launch event proposed to be held at Welbeck Abbey. The Chair would write to Mr Parente, the owner of Welbeck, requesting that this launch be held in spring 2018 when extra copies would be available. It was agreed that up to 150 more volumes be printed, depending on quotes for the book and for the flashcard. Adrian Henstock reported that the Glynne volume needed a small amount of work and he hoped it might be finalised by late spring 2018. There were only 20 to 30 Newstead volumes left.
- c) Newsletter - John Wilson reported on articles received and expected. Also there would be the October lecture, the Research Award and future excursions reports. The deadline was 1st November.
- d) Bibliography - the Chair reported that Andy Nicholson was continuing to keep the website and bibliography up to date.
- e) e-Bulletin - as reported earlier, Andy was now managing the e-Bulletin.
- f) Date of next Publications Committee meeting - to be held on 24th November - members would be informed of the venue in due course.

6 HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

- a) Luncheon 2017 - to be held on 4th November at the Olde Bell, Barnby Moor. The

numbers are lower than usual this year.

- b) Luncheon 2018 - this was to be held at the Council House in honour of TC Howitt. The date was 3rd November.
- c) Spring Meeting and AGM - this was to be held on 28th April 2018 at Calverton Village Hall.

7 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

John Wilson circulated a paper giving details of the current financial state of the Society. He explained that any surplus money from the special lecture would be put into the Research Award fund to help meet the annual £2000 outgoing. The Eric Coddington fund had now been closed: it had covered most the costs of the Welbeck Atlas volume. The subscription requests would be sent as a separate mailing.

8 HONORARY PROGRAMME SECRETARIES' REPORT

a) Excursions

- i) Current year's progress - Alan Langton reported that the excursion programme had been very successful this year. The series had also been financially beneficial. The visit to John Clare's was particularly popular. A visit to the Castle archaeological excavations had also been organised thanks to David Knight.
- ii) Future planning - The programme for 2018 was almost complete and AL gave an outline of visits. Planning for 2019 had already commenced - Bletchley Park and Tattershall Castle were suggested by Council members.

b) Lectures

- i) Current year's progress - the autumn season had now started and the first lecture had attracted a large audience.
- ii) Future planning - the programme for 2018 was complete and consideration was underway for 2019.
- iii) Report on special lecture - Carenza Lewis on 22nd June - it had been very successful with a capacity audience. Planning for the next special lecture would start quite soon and a few ideas were floated.
- iv) Appointment of Chairs of Lectures - The following Chairs for early 2018 were agreed:- 13th January - Penny Messenger; 10th February - John Beckett; 10th March - Barbara Cast.

9 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Judith Mills sent a report on membership - there had been five new members since the last Council meeting, three of which had joined in October which meant that their membership would be extended to the end of 2018.

10 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

- a) Archaeology - David Knight said that a report on most of the archaeological news would be in Transactions. He drew attention to the East Midlands Historic Environment Research Framework which could be found on its website. The Castle excavations might not take place in 2018 due to the Castle Transformation although archaeologists would be on hand when the new visitor centre was being built.
- b) City Planning - Hilary Brindley had sent in a report which included information on the future of the former Synagogue and a number of current applications of concern. Members were asked to let BC know of details of concerns about any of the items on the planning report they wished to be included in any representation to the City Council. There was no further news on the future of the Central Library.
- c) Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust - there had been no report from Alan Wahlers this time. However it was noted that a publicity officer had been recruited.
- d) Nottinghamshire Local History Association - there was no Thoroton representative on the NLHA Committee. Rob James would be attending the day school the next day.
- e) Thoroton Response Group - Barbara Cast reported that there had been no issues brought to her attention since the last Council meeting. However, a letter had been sent to leading City Councillors regarding Council support for the Nottingham Heritage Action Zone.
- f) Research Group - John Wilson reported on recent research activity by members of the Research Group.
- g) Nottingham Heritage Strategy - Richard Gaunt updated Council on Nottingham City Council's Heritage Strategy which has now entered its third year. He informed Council that some of the projects are ongoing (e.g. Nottingham Heritage Action Zone; Carrington Street Townscape Heritage scheme) and the targets for Year 3 depend, in part, on securing funding from Heritage Lottery Fund and other sources. All involve some element of partnership working with local community groups, historians and archaeologists. The willingness of partners to help advance these ambitions will play a large part in whether or not they are realized in the ambitious timescale set out for them. Immediate ambitions include:
 - a. Funding will be sought to enable an independent and community driven Heritage Partnership to be put in place to support implementation of the strategy. It will be a forum where skills, experience and resources can be shared and combined.

- b. A funded project will be used to test the delivery of a Buildings Preservation Trust or similar not-for-profit organisation in the city.
- c. The City's Historic Environment Record (HER) and Urban Archaeological Database (UAD) will be made available online, giving public access to over 1400 records about the city's archaeology.
- d. The criteria and process for establishing a Local List for Nottingham will be formally adopted and the first Local List candidates will be assessed, as well as a project to enhance the existing list maintained by Nottingham Civic Society.
- e. A Digital Heritage Platform to support the Heritage Partnership and Heritage Panel, with a crowdsourcing element to ask the community what they regard as heritage. This would include links to the local list and Historic Environment Record.

Anyone with an interest in these projects is asked to contact RG for further information.

- h) Nottingham Civic Society - RG reported that the Civic Society kept a list of buildings of interest. A plaque commemorating Herbert Kilpin, founder of AC Milan, was to be erected shortly. Castle Brewery had created a guest ale in honour of Hilary Silvester.

11 DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2018

16th February, 18th May and 19th October.

12 UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM MUSEUM VIKING EXHIBITION

This exhibition would open on 24th November and the programme would include a lecture by Michael Wood. It would be publicised in the e-Bulletin.