

TUTBURY WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

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MEETING Held on Monday 1st July 2013 at 26 Hillcrest, Tutbury at 10am

Present: Mr Rick Nuth (Chairman) Mr Bernie Barton Mrs Sue Norris Mrs Pol Wood
Mrs Jane Nuth (Secretary) Mr Bob Wood Mr Brian Wright

At the beginning of the meeting, as the day was the 97th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme – the worst day in British military history – when 10 men from Tutbury died – we remembered them. The Chairman read out the dreadful figures of that day.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Kay Chapman, Mrs Lesley Evans and Philip Norris

2. Minutes of previous meeting of 23rd April 2013, now being correct, were duly signed.

3. Matters arising from Minutes of 3rd June 2013

Smartwater – pending

Church Artefacts to William Salt Library, Stafford – pending

The Chairman reported that the misunderstanding about “adding names to the War Memorial” had now been explained.

It was reported that the approach to Trent & Dove was pending.

The quotation from the Church Architect had still not arrived.

4. Constitution

As the name of this Committee has had to be amended, due to there being another with the initials TWMCC (Tunbridge Wells Motor Cycle Centre), an amended Constitution, bearing the new name, was duly signed.

5. Finance

It was queried whether Lloyds Bank would soon start charging for each cheque presented to be paid into an account. This to be investigated by the Treasurer.

a) Bank account funds

The Treasurer reported that the bank account stood at £140.00.

b) Payments

The Chairman explained that for the display for the Tutbury Music Festival (14th July), he had ordered a banner for TWMPCC and address cards. These had not yet arrived.

A marquee was being kindly loaned by Cllr Staples for use at the Music Festival.

c) Spending authorisation

The level of spending made without Committee approval was £20.00, as detailed in the TWMPCC Constitution.

6. Memorials

a) Stone Cross Memorial

The quotation from the Church Architect had not yet arrived. The Chairman would email him direct and ascertain his likely fees. The Chairman also reported that the War Memorials Trust, as a grant giver, would not require 3 quotes for the employment of an architect if his/her fees would be less than £10K.

Action: RN

b) Protection of Bronze Plaques

Information about Smartwater was still pending. However the Chairman reported that the War Memorials Trust did not condone replacing bronze plaques with resin plaques (and siting the originals in a place of safety) as this was thought not to be fitting.

7. Grants & Fundraising

a) TWMPCC

It was decided to leave in abeyance a grant application to the Co-operative and British Gypsum until the sum of money required was known.

SN reported that Nestlé were supporting Tutbury Open Gardens and were aware of the War memorial project and the Tutbury In Bloom. The Chairman asked SN to convey the thanks of this Committee to her husband.

b) TBoR (Tutbury Book of Remembrance)

RN reported that an application for a grant for Book 2 of TBoR had been made to Staffordshire County Council, under the guise of community related items. A formal request for £750 had been submitted and if successful, the money has to be spent by the end of March 2014. The payment arrangements would have to be similar to those for the Tutbury Parish Council (finances could not be paid to an individual).

8. Music Festival Sunday 14 July 2013 at Tutbury Castle

RW and PW would be videoing the Music Festival. RN and JN would set up the display stand, under the borrowed marquee, earlier in the morning and man the stall all day. SN would arrive later.

Display panels were available from St Mary's Priory Church. A banner for TWMPC and address cards had been ordered. Flyers (A5 size) would be produced. Old photographs at Tutbury Museum would be viewed.

9. Congregational Sunday School Roll of Honour

The Chairman reported that the owners of "The Old Sunday School" in Monk Street had moved to the South Coast. He would continue to ascertain the location of the Congregational Sunday School Roll of Honour.

Action: RN

10. Intergenerational Theatre – "Good Night George"

RN and JN reported on their meeting with the two theatre producers employed by East Staffordshire Borough Council, who were to take the Great War information into schools. They had read the TBoR with great interest and hoped to use part of this in their production which would be for both urban and rural schools, primary and secondary.

They had been very taken with the information about George Fearn, whose letters from the Western Front survive – hence the working title of the production. A copy of all the letters (on CD) had been sent to them.

RN and JN had also had a meeting with Malcolm Goode, the local historian for ESBC, for a general discussion about the work of the theatre producers, commemorations, etc. RW said that the hourly rate for researchers was £30-35 and this was acceptable to the Heritage Lottery, when applying for grants.

11. Centennial Commemorations

Hopefully it will soon be known what the local and rural Centenary Commemorations will be.

12. AOB

RN told of a Google Alert for the North Staffordshire Regiment. In the USA there is a re-enactment group for this regiment! Also their period uniforms were available from California (as were those for Germans, Americans, etc).

RN also reported that there was a war memorial in the Brighton area to Asian soldiers who died in both World Wars. He had emailed Commonwealth War Graves Commission for this to be considered as a research project.

13. Date of Next Meeting – 7th August 2013 @ 10am at 26 Hillcrest

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11:50am.