

TUTBURY WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

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cc: Parish Council (Chairman, Clerk)
Parochial Church Council (Rev Ian Whitehead)
Civic Society (Chair)
cfi: Bishop of Stafford

MEETING held on Wednesday 7th May 2014 at 26 Hillcrest, Tutbury at 10am

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

1) Apologies were received from Mesdames Chapman and Evans.

2) Minutes of previous meeting

The Chairman reported that the first payment for the Assessment Phase for the SCWM Project had been paid by East Staffs Borough Council. This was for £540.00 and was in part payment of their awarded grant of £1,936 (half the total amount). The remainder of the invoice would be paid when the Report is finalised.

There had not been any communication from British Gypsum or Nestle.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of 17th March 2014 were duly signed by the Chairman.

3) Funding

a) The Leopard & Local Vocals

The April musical evening by Local Vocals and Quiz sales had raised an amazing £121.52. This was presented by Kaz of the Leopard and our great thanks have been sent to both the Leopard and to Local Vocals.

b) "Goodnight George" Schools Production

RN, JAN, PW and RW had been to the Brewhouse to see Year 5 of Richard Wakefield and Horninglow Schools' brilliant production of the "Goodnight George". This was based on the letters of George Fearn, which were first detailed in the Tutbury Book of Remembrance. In the audience were also 2 relatives of George, one of whom later sent a generous donation.

c) Phase II Funding Options

At the meeting with the conservation architect, a verbal indication of the likely cost involved in the restoration of the SCWM was given as £15K approx. War Memorials Trust can give up to 75% of the costing of a conservation project. Based on this sum, the shortfall (ie the amount to be raised) would be £4K approximately.

Discussion took place on the local names and places who *might* be willing to help with the project.

RN explained that the Co-operative Society would only give to the *owner* of a project could apply (ie Rev Ian).

He also explained that Toyota Charitable Fund was for projects costing less than £1K.

Heritage Lottery Fund is expensive money, as they foster more educational projects than buildings. TWMPCC has neither the time nor the expertise to engage in this approach.

Other ideas suggested were a village collection, Peveril Homes, etc.

It was thought that the funding should be in place by Spring 2015. The Draft Report from Smith & Roper would be sent in the coming weeks. RN would forward this to the Committee prior to the next Meeting. The Report could then be finalised in June.

d) Choice of Contractors

Smith & Roper had offered to assist with the selection of contractors for £300. This would be "buying their experience". We would prepare the applications for grants, hopefully this summer, with a view to the work being completed in Summer 1915.

Smith & Roper would supervise the project and it must be discovered if their hourly rate would be covered by the War Memorials Trust.

The motion, that Smith & Roper would assist in the selection of contractors for the TWMPCC project was proposed by Mrs P Wood and seconded by Mr B Wright.

This item would be put on the Agenda of the next Meeting.

4) Stone Cross War Memorial Project (SCWM)

a) Phase I "Review and Assessment" – Status – see above

b) Accessibility & Garden

It had been noticed that the present paved area around the War Memorial did not have disabled access. War Memorials Trust would be willing to provide funding for this as it is a legitimate project.

It was thought that a smaller garden, with low level, perhaps evergreen cover, would be more suitable for easier maintenance. Rev Ian had given a favourable response to this idea.

Another suggestion was that families, etc, could donate plants, etc.

Hopefully, Smith & Roper's response will have arrived by the next Meeting.

5) Other War Memorials

a) Independent Order of Odd Fellows plaque, St Mary's Priory Church

RN had contacted Chris Tipper, who had offered to help with the renovation. RN would speak with Rev Ian about taking this proposal to the Parochial Church Council as there would be the requirement of a Faculty.

b) Horninglow

In the 2nd Edition of the Tutbury Book of Remembrance, soon to be published, there are many men whose addresses were Horninglow at the time of their death.

The Horninglow War Memorial appears to be the rood screen in the church of St John the Divine. JN would ascertain whether there was a Roll of Honour, etc.

c) Barton Under Needwood

RN reported that there was a recent news item about the cleaning of the War memorial in Barton under Needwood and that the cross on the top was found to be made of concrete and was splitting. The BuN Parish Council was dealing with this.

d) Hatton

Hatton Parish Council had received a request for a War Memorial to be erected but stated that they had no plans for such a memorial.

6) War Memorials Trust – Regional Volunteers

RN and JN had applied to be Regional Volunteers for the War Memorials Trust. Volunteers promote the work of the WMT and should undertake 2 tasks per year.

7) AOB

8) Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 4th June 2014

The date of the next Meeting was provisionally set at Wednesday 4th June 2014 by which time it is hoped that the Draft Report from Smith & Roper would have been received and sufficient time allowed for consideration.

The venue would be 26 Hillcrest, Tutbury at 10am.

The Meeting closed at 11.45am