
Minutes of the Pearson Trust Working Group Meeting

Date: 22nd January 2019 Gressingham Hall 7:30 pm.

1. Apologies

Members present: Jane Paxman, Moyra Jacques, Alice Helyar, David Wiper and Michael Hampson.

Apologies for absence received: Debbie Robinson.

2. Minutes from last PTWG meeting

Minutes of last PTWG meeting (November) to be amended by Alice. October meeting minutes accepted.

3. Actions and Matters Arising from Last PTWG Meeting

None

4. Gressingham Village Trust CIO

The Gressingham Village Trust CIO was officially endorsed on 19th January 2019. Seven trustees form the CIO.

5. CRTBO Progress

The PTWG has asked the PC to consider submitting the application for the CRTBO because they are a qualifying body. The PC asked Jane to attend their January meeting to answer questions regarding this matter. The PTWG would have to be recognised as a PC sub-committee once again in order to facilitate this process (the PC reverted to an 'interested party only' on completion of the initial grant used to get initial plans drawn up and reports written).

The PC have requested further information and plan to hold an Extraordinary Meeting to address the issue on the 4th Feb. Due to delays in submitting the initial CRTBO paperwork, it is unlikely that the referendum would be possible on 2nd May 2019, therefore Jane will submit information to Wagtail with an update on progress and notification of delays.

6. Funding

PTWG requires funding for three purposes:

1. The architectural assessment of John Hamlett's design to ensure it is technically feasible.
2. Drawing up the plans to convert the OSR to a residential flat.
3. Write a draft business plan for a re-ordered church

Jane is meeting with the administrator of the local charitable trust to source funding for drawing up the plans. A fund known as the Architectural Heritage Fund offers funding on two

scales for project feasibility studies and project development. Match funding would be required if we applied for this grant. The deadline for the feasibility fund is 29th Jan and the deadline for the project development fund is 11th Feb. Jane to further investigate these funds and apply for one option (likely the Project development fund) if the charitable donation as discussed at last meeting is able to fund works.

Business plan would include estimated running costs over first 10 years, projected income and expenditure on the basis of no lettings.

7. AOB

It was agreed that an electronic and hard copy of all the documents and information that we have created/sourced to date will be stored in the church irrespective of the outcome of the project, for future reference.

8. Date of the Next Meeting

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