

Observatory Group Meeting

26-04-2019

Present :- Richard Young (RY), Joan Brame (JB), Roy Proctor (RP), Lloyd Hughes (LH), Margaret Charlesworth (MC), Linda Harper (notetaker)

1. Welcome

RY welcomed everyone

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Phil Leigh

3. Notes from last meeting 19/3/19

Name of fundraiser Sarah Wright should read as Sarah Williams. Once corrected notes agreed as accurate and can be uploaded to website.

4. Matters arising other than those on Agenda

Nothing to report.

5. Meeting with Bury Town Trust

Preliminary meeting to writing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between AAA and BTT

RY, RP, MC, Paul Tatum, John Popham and Mike Kirkham have met. They have looked at the ongoing project, what needs to be done and how it is to be done.

- . One issue raised is should an Architect be employed?, this was discussed at AAA committee, the consensus was that should the need arise then an architect would be consulted.

6. Licence with Borough

RY, RP and Mike Kirkham met with Damien Parker 2/4/19,

RY has also met Jo who is the Athenaeum Manager, she expressed an interest in the project. RY will speak with her re the Athenaeum Evacuation Plan to see if it could be extended to include the Observatory.

The ongoing issue of the length of the proposed contract with the Borough was further discussed, RY suggested writing a document which will detail how the AAA will use the Observatory once restoration complete, including how the public will benefit.

Issue of detailed specification of improvements to Observatory entrance.
RP thought that this was an area that an Architect could advise on.
No further update so far on the work to be done or when it could start.

7. Plan for use of Observatory post restoration

Activities/Management:- RY circulated a draft suggestion for the Operation and Management of the Observatory.

It was discussed by the group and some amendments made. RY will do further work on it and send to Damien Parker. (MC made the observation that if free education is being offered to the public then this will appeal to some of the donators when fundraising begins.)

Requirements for the Observatory such as A/V equipment needed still being discussed.

8. Updates

RP has still not been able to secure a written quote for the work to the Observatory Dome from the Millwrights. He will continue to chase. Needed before fundraiser can begin work.

As a courtesy JB will write to those donators who have given money, to advise them of the delay in starting the Phase 1 work, such as Glasswells, Centre Parks.

9. AOB

Nil

9. Date and time of next meeting:- Friday 7th June 2019 at 7.30pm.

