

# MERTON PRIORY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting 4th September 2013 at 1 Compton Road

**ACTION**

## 1. Present

Marcus Beale (chair), Cllr Nick Draper, Cllr Maurice Groves, Cllr Richard Chellew, Dave Saxby, Dave Roberts, John Hawks

## 2. Apologies

Vicki Carroll, Jane Sidell, Cllr Geraldine Stanford, Nicholas Hart, Mary Hart, Cyril Maidment, Richard Lancaster

## 3. Notes of the Last Meeting

Approved

## 4. Living Wandle Landscape Partnership HLF bid

The Trust will take part in the public launch day at Morden Hall Park on September 29<sup>th</sup> for which a grant had been specified and which was being organised by VC and JH.

**VC/JH/DS/NH/MH**

## 5. Phase 1

MB and RL were progressing the tender documentation. Agreed that a percentage fee arrangement would be preferable to a fixed price, to allow for variations to the brief.

**MB/RL**

Agreed that sand removal should be included in Phase I, and an allowance for supervision fees by MOLAS would be included as this was essentially a "re-dig". A temporary floor surface (e.g. pea shingle must also be included in Phase I. MB will discuss with DS

**MB/DS**

## 6. Exhibits

JH reported that HLF were receptive to a separate funding bid for the internal fit-out, and is pursuing this; and DS had access to expert museum design advice. JH/DS to lead on all these.

**DS/JH**

## 7. Security

Agreed that we should tap into and hopefully improve CCTV surveillance and lighting systems that neighbouring businesses are operating; ND will lead on this and make contact with the Chamber of Commerce

**ND**

## 8. Management Agreement

Comments on MB's draft had been received from LBM - most could be accommodated, but meeting agreed it was important that it be clearly established that LBM were the occupiers of the Chapter House (and held the funds), and that MPT had the status of a group of volunteers operating the project on their behalf. Once this was accepted, items like insurance, rates, liability for repairs etc would fall into place. Parallels might be the Wheelhouse, the Common Conservators and the Library volunteer scheme. MB and JH would pursue with RL, and ND suggested he might raise the issue with the LBM Chief Executive.

**9. Priory Wall**

No further news since meeting with NT in July. Agreed that the Trust should put pressure on NT for urgent repairs at least to stabilise the wall - the matter of access was for the longer term. MG and ND will pursue with Heritage officers and James McGinlay, and establish ownership via the Land Registry. JH will discuss with English Heritage.

**MG/ND/JH**

**10. 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014**

JH/DS/CM to devise a suitable display for the proposed Wimbledon Museum exhibition. Our own celebration to be discussed in due Course - contact had been made with John Veale to discuss a joint project with St Mary's Merton.

**CM/DS/JH**

**11. Other Business**

Plans for the Chapter House At Home lunch on 7<sup>th</sup> September were complete and around 75 guests were expected.

**JH/NH/MH**

ND reminded meeting that 2015 was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the London Borough of Merton. Agreed the completion of Phase I would be an ideal celebration. It was known also to be Prince Edward's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday year, and a royal visit, while hard to arrange, would be appropriate. ND was on the steering committee for this and would keep MPT informed.

**ND**

**12. Next meeting**

Agreed this would be arranged at a suitable time before Christmas when further progress had been made on the above.

**MB/JH**