

## **MERTON PRIORY TRUST**

Minutes of Meeting 17th December 2013 at 1 Compton Road

**ACTION**

**1. Present** Marcus Beale (chair), Cllr Nick Draper, Cyril Maidment, Dave Saxby, Nicholas Hart, Vicki Carroll, Peter Lord, John Hawks

**2. Apologies** Cllr Geraldine Stanford, Cllr Maurice Groves, Cllr Ian Munn, Richard Lancaster, Mary Hart, David Roberts,

**3. Notes of the Last Meeting** Approved

**4. Phase 1** The brief had been agreed; RL reported that the tender documentation, and hence the overall schedule, had been delayed by a computer problem but this was now being fixed and invitations should be sent shortly. Architect interviews would be scheduled for February. **RL**

**5. Exhibits/Security etc** 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**

### **6. Management Agreement**

MPT had indicated that a management agreement was preferred to a lease, whose obligations we would be unable to meet in the short term. A meeting was to be arranged in February with James McGinley to agree a course of action. **ND/MB/JH/RL/NH**

**7. Priory Wall** This was now a matter of priority [pun quite incidental, honestly] - CK was organising a site meeting with National Trust and MPT representatives. CM distributed a Merton Historical Society photograph of the damaged area. **CK**

### **8. 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 - Wesley Kerr was suggested as a possible guest VIP. Contact had also been made with John Veale to discuss a joint project with St Mary's Merton, and Wendy Bliss was hoping to arrange a Merton Arts Trail event **CM/DS/JH**

**9. Social Media** Meeting welcomed Peter Lloyd, who kindly offered help with Facebook, Twitter etc. He, DS and NH will confer **PL/DS/NH**

**11. Other Business** - NH suggested that HLF funding might be available for start-up/advice, which JH will pursue. **JH**

- CM reported there was now a book of walks covering the whole Borough and would supply a copy. Agreed trail signage should be considered in the longer-term. MB would write a letter from the Trust in support of the proposed Heritage Trail App. **CM/MB**

- Meeting thanked MB for seasonal refreshment.

### **12. Next meeting**

February 18<sup>th</sup> suggested [subsequently postponed to March 11th by which time further progress could be reported on the above] **MB/JH**