

Friends of Martello Tower 24 Trustee meeting 2.12.19.

1. Present - Richard, Peter, Denise, Andrew, Adrian, Barry. Absent - Maureen.

2. Minutes of previous meeting- agreed.

3. Finance

3.1 Treasurer's report

Donation £28.83. KCC grant received £1,072 see later in minutes. We have bought muskets and covers from Ian Meyers grant.

Balance £4,864.57.

3.2 F and HDC ward grants

Ian Meyers -spent on muskets and covers

Terry Mullard - held for AVC

3.3 F and HDC High St. Fund

David Wimble has informed Peter that we have been successful. It will be officially announced on 11/12th December.

Must push EH for help on new display boards.

4. Repair works to Tower

4.1 Update

Decoration is good. Mortar on coping stones will take months to fully dry. Windows replaced. Drainage - lined from top to bottom. Two humidifiers still in place, we would like to keep in place all Winter. Window ledge replaced. EH will arrange for the building be limewashed again in the future

Peter will speak to Deb about when we can get in. At least next week.

4.2 Things to do

Peter has produced a list. Will start when we can access Tower.

4.3 Re-open event March 2020

'Hidden Treasure' have offered to host. Will book New Romney band. Will try to attract some publicity by inviting local celeb. - suggestions to Peter. EH have said their press office will help.

5. Tower openings

5.1 Stewards meeting 27.11.19

EH's offer of fleeces and identity card, do we want? This was discussed and we decided we wanted our own. 'Laughing Cow' can do embroidered sweat shirts for about £20. Identity cards on lanyards Peter will get price.

EH membership cards -Ali says in hand. Peter will chase up when new volunteer manager appointed.

More volunteers - Richard appealed at Heritage group. Peter will email local History groups. Terry M will leaflet local shops in High Street. Peter will get printed.

5.2 2020 Special openings

Peter has produced a list.

6. Display boards

Short term - EH have said they will produce temporary boards by March.

But also need to have contingency plans. Peter can produce text from old boards and laminate if necessary.

Permanent - need to speak to EH.

7. Marketing

Biggest opportunity is the Opening.

Need more DL leaflets.

8. Review of FOM 24

No feedback from anyone.

9. AOB

Kent scheme for encouraging children to visit historical sites . Peter going to meeting in February.

School worksheets - when displays are in place.
Brass rail for muskets - will talk to Sam Briggs.
Cut away model - Richard will investigate.

10. Next meeting
3rd February 2020