

Friends of Martello 24 Trustee meeting 15.7.19

1. Present

Richard, Peter, Denise, Adrian, Andrew, Barry, Maureen

2. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

3. Finance

3.1 Treasurers Report

£2,979.91 balance

Last year's gift aid received £313.12

3.2 FHDC ward grants for AV display

Peter had me with someone to give a quote but had not come back.

We will take a variety of approaches to get a quote for projector and installation.

4. Repair works to Tower

4.1 Update on present position

Hopefully will start on 29th July. The Wednesday before hand E H will sign contracts, but this is not set in stone.

Humidity meters to be tested on Friday 26th.

EH have removed bust of Hobson, covered the cannon and balls. But the cannon wrapping is coming loose, Peter will inform E H.

Poster informing of closure to go on Aboard outside, plus large posters will go on scaffolding.

Letters to shops and properties around Tower from us and EH to go out week before closure.

4.2 Storage of FOM24 items

Cupboard to be emptied and contents stored on ground floor.

Muskets to go to Andrew's.

To be done on Monday 29th.

5. Tower openings

5.1 Openings Summer 2019

Shut from 29th.

Volunteers needed for 27th.

5.2 Dymchurch Heritage Experiences

Heritage group was willing to trial. There was a discussion about the viability and it was decided there were not enough visitors in the village to justify opening, and the Tower would be too cold.

5.3 Bespoke visits

Peter had been contacted by Hidden History Tours based in the Mermaid at Rye they do tours of the Marsh. Next year they would like to include the Tower.

6. Displays

Previously discussed under finance.

7. Marketing

7.1 Kent Tourism Awards

Peter has submitted the Tower

7.2 Postcards

Need more printed.

8 AOB

8.1 Martello 25

Peter and Barry had access and took photos.

8.2 Review of FOM24

We have existed for 3 years do we need to review our existing practices?

After the renovation we will discuss first as trustees and then volunteers.

8.3 Cannons

Richard gave out copies of details he had found out about cannon.

8.4 Mannequin

Artillery uniform? Put pressure on EH to arrange a visit with curator at Dover.

8.5 Volunteers free tickets from EH

Peter to complete form

Next meeting

Monday 30th September 10.00am.