

Minutes of the Trust Council held on Monday 23rd January 2023 at 11:00am by electronic means

1. Welcome and Apologies

Attendees: Chris Sims, Chris Bolt, Rob Dunton, David Copley, Graham Snook, Zaira Puddephatt, Mike Bailey, David Fearn, Tim Pyatt, Terry Mundy

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st November 2022

Minutes approved.

3. Actions from last meeting

3.1. Draft Safeguarding Policy and youth volunteering. Carried forward and picked up by Whitney Cawley.

4. Health and safety

4.1 Review of incidents and near misses. No incidents to report.

5. Finance and governance

5.1 Finance and Governance Report – Trust council noted the current financial position.

5.2 Leases

- Bradford on Avon, everything OK apart from access to toilets, Martin Hollis negotiating with CRT who want £250 per month. Portaloos are a possibility.
- Newbury, we are continuing on implied tenancy terms
- Aldermaston, our new tenancy started on October 1st. The Trust will start to charge enterprise from April. We are hoping to reopen the café and Washhouse by Easter

5.3 Enterprise Board and Branch Committee issues – the resignation of Chris Churchouse and upcoming resignation of Julian Foley were noted. New candidates for both positions have been Found. Vacancies in branch chair positions where noted.

6. Actions arising from the Strategy Workshop

No progress from last Trust Council meeting.

7. Membership

7.1 Possible new 'volunteer member' category. Still under discussion.

7.2 Crofton membership – discussed and approved.

8. 2022 Projects

8.1 Crofton Connections, paper attached. Approved.

8.2 Aldermaston Wash House, work proceeding very well with the restoration work with Kingsmen Construction continues to be nearing completion. New Tea Room Operators looking to open on 23rd March.

8.3 Devizes rewiring, quotes received for remedial wiring in the museum. Devizes branch preference since approved.

8.4 Archive relocation, waiting for Terry Bracher and new collection manager Ian Hicks to arrange a date for a visit to the archive.

9. Communications

9.1 Website replacement update, the website replacement is in testing. Trust Council thanked Zaira for all the effort she has put into the redevelopment.

10. Branch Reports

10.1 Crofton Branch Report

10.1 Other Branch Reports, to note

12. Dates for future Meetings

20th March 2023 at 10:00

All meetings start 11:00.am via Zoom unless otherwise agreed.

13. Any Other Business

None noted.