

## CTC 750 Working Group

Thursday 14 July 11am-12.30pm In person & Zoom

Attendees: Cllr David Brown, Cllr Margaret Gartside, Cllr Kay Wesley, Jenny Unsworth, Jo Money, Jackie MacArthur, Rachel McCarthy, Debbie Coxon

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Suzy Firkin, Cllr Suzie Akers-Smith, Cllr Rob Moreton
2. **Notes of the 9 June meeting:** Approved.
3. Update & issues on below CTC events:

**a.) Behind Closed Doors Review**

JU was very pleased with the success of the event and thanked all those who participated. The group recognised Jenny and her team for their outstanding efforts. Seven schools attended reaching almost 400 children. 80 people attended the ticketed talk and a further 220 people visited the public session.

The budget was £4K, total spend: £4157.84. The largest expense was Town Hall hire and purchase of the noticeboards. Jenny's time and expenditure is not included in this figure. Prickly Peach were commissioned to produce a short video. Nino filmed content for the Heritage Festival.

**Action: JU/JMAC send schools the slides.**

**DC write follow up press release.**

The future of the Diorama was discussed. The group are committed to keeping the model in Congleton. JU has agreed to store it back at her house temporarily.

**Action: Find a place to re-house it and the funds to protect it (no surplus in the 750 budget).**

Ale Festival could be a potential income generator.

Suggested locations to contact: Museum (**KW**), Library (**MG**), Riverside (**KW**), Meadowside. Congleton Glass quoted £2K for the glass screen. Model will need to be in situ first before the glass casing can be installed.

**b.) Medieval Festival**

RMC ran through the list of confirmed acts. x8 F&D stalls booked, aiming for x12.

Extra toilets and crowd control barriers booked. Car parking arranged with Siemens and Beresfords. JMAC advised the event budget is £10K, total spend so far is £12,800.

JU has made x20 costumes for the children's dress up zone. This area needs to be assigned to a dedicated volunteer/s on the day. JU making flags to decorate the park. Poles funded by Rotary.

**ACTION: DB contact the Fire Station to invite them to attend.** Opportunity to use the stocks to raise funds for their nominated charity.

Licence has been granted to collect donations toward the Town Mayor's charities. MG looking for a youth group to circulate with collection buckets. Needs to be kept separate from the volunteer team. **ACTION: RMC check stock of buckets.** Procedures need to be finalised over the safe keeping of monies during the event.

**c.) Medieval Banquet at the Town Hall**

120 tickets available. X15 allocated to volunteers FOC. Interest registered for x45. SAS and JMAC met with Mark Bailey to confirm costings. The food will cost £15pp, ticket price calculated at £32. The group discussed increasing the price to £35, this was still considered a reasonable cost in return for the package of food and live entertainment. The additional revenue will go back into the 750 pot. Everyone was in agreement.

**d.) Ale Trail**

In the design stages with Daz who is currently on holiday. The Ale Taster is away until early August. Launch date planned for mid August before the Medieval Festival.

**JMAC: check with Jess if the Ale Trail T-shirt can be sold via Spreadshirt.** £220 worth of merchandise was sold at the LHE.

JM has promoted the Ale Trail within the Jazz & Blues programme.

**e.) Medieval council meeting, 10 Nov**

Councilors in medieval dress. Featuring reports from the Mayor, Ale Taster (no of pubs supported, pints sold, boost to the economy etc.) and Catchpole (funds raised). Thank you to volunteers and closure on the year long celebrations. Good publicity opportunity.

**5. AOB:**

**a.) Priesty Path Walk** - enjoyed by 40 walkers. Astbury Church put on fantastic activities. Funds raised tbc.

**b.) Heritage trail** – produced independently by Mike Tingle, funded through a Heritage Lottery grants. X250 copies in the CIC. Obtain a quote from CHS if a reprint is required.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 4 August 2022 at 11am, Spencer Suite, Town Hall.**