

## **Martello Tower 24 Trustees Meeting 19.11.18.**

### **1. Present**

Richard Blackman, Peter Faulkner. Denise Meyers, Adrian Goodsall, Barry Tate, Maureen Vogt

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

All agreed

### **3. Finance**

Treasurer's report attached.

£2,387.63 in bank

Grant application – Ian Meyers (F and H District Councillor) has submitted our grant application for the muskets.

### **4. Steward's meeting and Fire Drill**

Fire drill successful, but bell not audible on roof in windy weather.

The Trustees need to communicate with the volunteers more. This will be especially necessary next year with the closures. Also need to pass on information about the history of the Tower. Peter and Richard will produce some fact sheets on the Fencibles and the Coast Guard in the Tower.

Richard has spoken to the National Army Museum and National Maritime Museum who have information on post Napoleonic use of the Tower.

### **5. Weekly Winter checks**

These have happened for the last 3 weeks. Folder in office to record humidity etc. Windows to be left open.

### **6. Repair works at Tower**

No minutes of last meeting with EH.

Contractor has been appointed.

Peter to chase up about moisture reader.

## **7. Tower opening 2019**

6th April start. Probably closed May, June and part of July. But can't be definite on reopening date.

## **8. Displays**

Grants in for muskets. Box to be made. Andy – Cinque Port Volunteers – will make straps. Should be in place by April.

Mentioned to Ali EH that perspex on displays should be replaced.

## **9. Marketing**

Greetings cards – 100 printed of Andrew's. Deciding on which option of the other. Cost 30-40p retail price agreed to be £2 wholesale £1. Peter will speak to Karen in the Arcade and Romney Marsh Visitor Centre about distributing them.

## **10. Charity Commissioner's Annual return**

Adrian has completed the financial report.

Peter has produced the return which all the trustees agreed

## **11. Martello Tower 25**

Planning application has been submitted. Discussed whether we need to comment.

Agreed that we would say that as many historical features should be preserved as possible.

## **12. Friends of Martello Tower 24 to become a membership organisation?**

Peter proposed as a possibility. Discussed – but agreed not to proceed at this point.

But decided to have a newsletter on a monthly basis for the volunteers and other interested parties.

## **13. AOB**

5th Continent Scheme - Peter and Andrew met with Lisa about the Paul Nash Trail to give it some momentum.

Shepway Heritage Strategy – Peter has added to it about the Tower.

Maintenance -

Flag pole is rotting at the bottom, but is in the renovation plan

External surface – more rust is appearing on the underside.

Barry has the radios and chargers

**Next meeting** 14th January 2019