

Board Meeting 4th February 2021 via Zoom.

In attendance,

Lizzie Induni (L.I) Sue Goodman (S.G) Harriet Induni (H.I) David Victor (D.V) Chris Jessop (C.J) Chris Chanter (C.C)

Apologies.

David Reid.

1) It was decided that at least four active Holding Trustees (H.T) should be in post. It was decided that Lady Gass should be removed as she was unable to fulfil the criteria but this needs to be dealt with sensitively due to her longstanding commitment to the society

Action: D.V. will contact Jonathan Acland Hood who is an intermediary for Lady Gass to ask how he thinks we should proceed.

2) It was felt that H.T. need to be interested in the Society and all it stands for, understand the role of H.T. and be mentally capable of dealing with any issues raised.

3) A note to be included in the next e bulletin and placed on the website asking for people to consider becoming a H.T.

Action: D.V to write the text. S.G to include in the ebulletin, H.I to add to website.

4) Volunteers for the role should be met by 2-3 members of the board. This would become a formal interview if there are more candidates than required.

5) Annual meetings should be held with H.T. virtually if face to face meetings are not permitted.

AOB.

6) D.V. would like to introduce another board member to Jonathan Acland Hood prior to D.V. becoming less active on the Board later in the year. He suggested Rob Hutchings (R.H) as he lives in the area of Fairfield.

Action: C.J. to approach R.H. and give contact details of D.V.

7) The question of Brian Murless wishing to continue as a H.T. was raised due to his response to a letter sent to all holding Trustees.

Action; C.J to follow up.

8) D.V. raised the question as to who should have the responsibility for signing the loan agreements regarding the collections. C.J. believed they were signed by the Chairman and Hon Sec at the time. The Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by herself following consultation with D,V.

Action: D.V. will seek advise from William Hancock.

9) D.V. reported the council has plans for changes in the area around the castle and feels the society should approach them with regard to the society being involved with the use of the Castle Gardens. C.C has some contact with David Fothergill.

Action: C.C to approach David Fothergill with our wish to be part of developments for use of the area.

10) L.I. has offered to update the Strategic plan as we are putting together another bid to the NLHF. Mark Lidster has agreed to her doing so.

11) L.I. informed those present the Historic Buildings group will be working with Nick Wall of SWHT to look at buildings which do not fulfil listing criteria but are of specific interest.

12) D.V. suggested the society should have some involvement with the SWHT Board.

Action: C.J to contact David Gwyther, Chair of Board.

13) D.V. thought that as SWHT, the Somerset Record Society and SANHS all have related interests we should consider having closer workings with them once Covid restrictions allow.

Meeting ended 11.30

The next meeting will be on 18th February at 10.am via Zoom to discuss/plan the future use of the Castle Gardens.