



Swadlincote Townscape Heritage Lottery Fund Board

Meeting Notes

September 5th, 2018 (10am)

ATTENDANCE

Name		Organisation	
Councillor Steve Taylor (Chair)	ST	South Derbyshire District Council	SDCC
Kate Allies Environmental Education Manager	KA	South Derbyshire District Council	SDDC
Liz Knight Conservation Officer	LK	South Derbyshire District Council	SDDC
Alex Gilbert Historic Buildings Architect	AG	Derbyshire County Council	DCC
Richard Shaw Design Excellence Officer	RS	South Derbyshire District Council	SDDC
Katherine Stanley Townscape Heritage Project Officer	KS	South Derbyshire District Council	SDDC
Councillor Peter Watson	PW	South Derbyshire District Council	SDDC

1. Apologies

Nicola Lees, Councillor Sandra Wyatt (SDDC)

2. Minutes from previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

3. Grants update

KS reported that the Grants Panel had approved schemes for the Mould Shop and the British Heart Foundation shop (7 High Street) as well as a smaller grant for 22 High Street. It was considered that all the funds had been allocated. ST added that as much as possible had been spent. KS confirmed the fund was down to £230.60. A slightly reduced scheme had been approved for the Mould Shop and extra funds allocated to 7 High Street as a 'Star Target Property'. The project at the Mould Shop would still allow Sharpe's to expand into the building. A total of £10,000 had been reallocated from the larger schemes at 10 and 12-14 West Street. Confidence in the successful completion of the two smaller schemes had diminished. PW asked if the remaining £230.60 was correct. KS confirmed that it was and that there had been some confusion around several iterations of the balance sheet.

KS reported that since the scheme had closed there had been several expressions of interest come forward, including from the Lounge Bar. Hopefully there was scope for future works.

KS said she hoped the £230.60 could be used towards something to recognise the scheme and the impact it had made on the street scene of Swadlincote town centre.

4. Activities update

KS reported that a carried over town centre maintenance event was in the planning.

There was an agreement in principle that a comprehensive maintenance survey of Swadlincote town centre would be created, but considerations of a gutter clearance was still being made.

On September 14th and 15th there would be a celebration and evaluation of the project at Sharpe's Pottery.

PW asked if the plaques commemorating historic figures from Swadlincote were up yet. KA confirmed they were up but two additional plaques were due to go up. It had further been discovered that Jean Hanson's was in the wrong place and that Hannah Mitchell's address might be incorrect.

Regarding pavement plaques as part of the scheme, KA had reached the point where she was due an answer from the property owner. The application had been made in May.

KA reported strong interest from schools in the scheme. ST asked if taking the scheme was being taken into the school. KA replied that there was funding for that but it was on a first come, first served basis.

KA reported that people in Newhall were keen to keep two old tram poles in the village. She was finding out how they could be restored, either to their former glory or just made safe in their current state.

5. Diana Garden update

RS reported that the £9,373.83 remaining in the budget was believed to be an accurate figure. PW said he was concerned that everything else was moving towards completion and the garden had been discussed six to nine months previously. He expressed frustration that the garden wall was still unsightly, and not screened yet. RS replied that previously the air conditioning units were not going to be moved and brackets would be installed to mount the mural in front of them. It would cost £4,000 to £7,000 to move them and he was confident the money would be found from outside the given budget.

PW said that he would have a meeting with Tony Sylvester (Planning Services Manager) to expedite matters. ST added that his concern was that the money would be whittled away on administration costs and research and that Swadlincote would end up with a £2,000 mural. He could envisage that happening. PW said that SDDC should go to People Express and ask them to propose a reduced scale project.

KS said a meeting was planned with People Express and a nine-month window created for the work was to be brought for practical consideration. PW said there should be a May 31st deadline. There was no need to go out to consultation. KS said People Express would be informed the following week in a meeting.

RS reported that there had been an offer of help from Swadlincote Lions, through SDDC Chief Executive Frank McArdle, to maintain the Diana Memorial Garden in exchange for a memorial for a club member. ST said it was welcome but questioned if it fit with the remit of the garden. It was there to remember Diana. PW agreed with ST. RS would feed the message back to Mr McArdle. KS said she thought it would be a good thing to have a group committed to the garden. ST agreed but added that it should not be at a price. KS asked if there was some middle ground where a plaque could say the gardens were maintained by Swadlincote Lions. ST said that he and PW would be happy to relay the meeting's discussion to Mr McArdle.

6. Cash flow

PW said the presentation of cash flow information was adequate – it did not need to be any more complex.

7. Any other business

KS reported that Laura Summers, the Grants Officer from the HLF, was leaving, and that a new officer was being appointed by the HLF.

8. Date of the next meeting

January 9th, 2019, 10am.