

**ARMSTRONG HALL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**REPORT of the Meeting of the Committee held
on 6th June 2018**

Present: -

Gill Dunkley (Thornbury Arts Festival)
Rex Davis (Horticultural Society)
Shirley Holloway (Hall Management)
Lyn Kidd (NYTC)
Andy Sheriff (Art Club)
Louise Powell (Hall Manager)
Clive Parkinson (AH working Group)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Barbara Ray (Thornbury Picture House)
Hazel Dutton (Severn Vale Flower Club)

2. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Barbara Ray be Chairman for the ensuing year. In her absence the meeting would be chaired by Gill Dunkley.

3. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

It was agreed that Gill Dunkley and Barbara Ray remain as committee's representatives on the Hall Management.

4. TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE FROM THE ARMSTRONG HALL REDEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

Louise Powell reported that following the decision to go ahead with a new build, the Trust had agreed to form a Working Group to help move the project forward. An appeal had gone out through the Press for anyone who is interested and has expertise that could help would be very welcome to join the working group. One meeting had been held in May and there were some members of the Public who had not been involved before at the meeting. The next meeting would be held on 21st June at 10am.

Cllr Clive Parkinson arrived and spoke to the group about the working group and the plans for the Hall. He stated that we are at the beginning of the journey now with the new Hall probably being around 5 years away.

The group discussed the possibility of carrying out visits to other places and Cllr Parkinson said this would be considered by the working group, however we do not need to repeat some visits that have already taken place but clearly some new places may be useful to consider.

Lyn Kidd and Gill Dunkley requested to be put on the working group list. Louise Powell agreed to action.

Action: Louise Powell to add Lyn Kidd and Gill Dunkley to working group correspondence

Cllr Parkinson said if it would be helpful he would do a short report from the Working Group to the HAD meetings. The group agreed this would be helpful.

Action: Cllr Parkinson to report to the Hall Advisory Meetings on Working Group progress

5. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS AND QUERIES

(a) NYTC

Lyn Kidd stated that we all want to work together and cooperate. It was good to have the pre-meeting prior to the show however there were some things promised that didn't happen and she felt NYTC had tried very hard to make things work well but it hadn't always been reciprocated. Shirley Holloway asked what was promised that didn't happen and Lyn stated that they had asked for a lockable cupboard to put the replica they had but it wasn't provided.

(b) Art Club

Andy Sheriff told members that all was fine with the Art Club and that there was nothing to report. He said they meet in the Cossham Hall and have about 60 members. He reported it would be useful to know well in advance when the Hall would not be available as they book speakers 1 year in advance. It was agreed that there would be as much advance warning as possible.

(c) Horticultural Society

Rex Davis reported that they had held the spring Flower Show in March and the weather was poor as we had had the snow, however it still went ahead in the end. The Summer Flower show would be on 11th August.

(d) Thornbury Picture House

In Barbara Ray's absence, Gill Dunkley reported that the next Fundraising event would be a performance by the Bristol Old Vic on June 23rd and there were also events in September and October

(e) Thornbury Arts Festival

Gill Dunkley informed the group that the Arts Festival had been a success. It went very well and was well attended, and they are looking forward to next year as it will be 50 years of the Arts Festival. She thanked all the staff for being so accommodating and helpful. She reported that the contractual obligations from Artists were changing and becoming fixed fee with a percentage of the profit which may prove some difficulties and they were discussing the ticket prices.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 26th September 2018 at 2pm in the Town Hall.