

**Filby Church Bells Restoration Project
Communications Sub-Group meeting
Monday February 12th 2024
10.00am Florence Farm, Fleggburgh**

Members Present – Derek Nicker **DN** Bernard Chase **BC** Nick Dawes **ND**- Martin Farrimond **MF**.

Minute taker – Judith Richardson **JR**

New application for Lottery funding. (This was the only agenda item for this meeting).

The intention was to develop an action plan ready to re submit a lottery application.

There was a discussion regarding the best way forward, with a view to submitting an initial enquiry for funding, heeding the new guidance produced.

ND said he would make contact with a 'Business Delivery Assistant' at the NHLF in order to help us to have a more positive outcome with this application and to also ask for further feedback regarding the reasons for our previous unsuccessful application.

DN suggested finding greater support locally for the project before we submitted an application. As a starting point there could be some short (5minute?) videos of the village to show its heritage and the way the church (and by association the bells) fits into this. There should be a revised questionnaire to also measure support. These should be addressed prior to making an initial enquiry with the NHLF. It was felt that it would take around 3 to 4 months to do this work.

The 4 investment principles in the new guidance were discussed as it is important that we can show each of them in any future application. These are

Saving heritage

Protecting the environment

Inclusion, access and participation

Organisational sustainability

It was felt that we need to be very explicit regarding the messages we need to communicate in our application.

We might consider the future formation of a steering committee to help to demonstrate the organisational sustainability and to show that this project will provide a 'stepping stone' for future generations using the church building for a variety of purposes, including but not only, the ringing of the bells.

Whilst our charity would retain its name, there should be consideration given to a more inclusive title for the grant application.

There should be more emphasis on co-operation between ourselves and other facets of the community. The suggestion was made that a diagrammatic representation could illustrate the various community organisations and their interactions and co dependence. (A mind map?). though this would need to be part of a main application rather than the initial enquiry.

It would be beneficial to work with the local high school and to this end a suitable named contact will be sought.

When we have a 'skeleton' of our plan, Darren Barker could be consulted for his advice.

A time scale for the submission of a 'project enquiry' was for the short videos to be ready if possible by June 1st. A new questionnaire (in both digital and paper formats) to be formulated and ready for distribution by March 16th. In this way it would be ready for the forthcoming Ceilidh at the village hall. It was proposed that it should also be available at other village events during the spring and summer this year. Adrian would be asked whether the questionnaire could possibly be distributed via the 'Filby Flyer' and the Gt. Yarmouth Mercury. **AT** will be approached regarding this.

Date and Time of next meeting - Friday march 8th · 10:0am Florence Farm

Actions

JR and ND. To meet with head teacher at Filby School and during this meeting to make enquiries regarding a suitable contact at Flegg High School

ND will seek to have some dialogue with the NLHF with a view to speaking to a named individual regarding our future application

DN to circulate previous questionnaire for revision by comms group members.

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