

Community Archaeology Westray

Minutes of Meeting 23/9/20 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom Videoconferencing

Present:

Peter Needham (PN) (Chair)
Ian Ricketts (IR) (Treasurer) (Minutes)
Elizabeth Drever (ED) (Secretary)
Stephen Hagan (SH)
Hazel Moore (HM)
Graeme Wilson (GW)

Apologies

William Turnbull (WT)

PN welcomed those (virtually) present.

1. Minutes of Meeting of 3/8/20

The minutes of the meeting of 3/8/20 were approved, proposed by IR and seconded by SH.

2. Treasurer's Report 3/8/20 par 2

IR still awaits invoice from Westray Heritage Trust for publication of CAW annual report. £200.26 from Bargain Box fundraising deposited in CAW account giving a bank balance of £1,512.13. Additional funding via WDT funding explored but not appropriate for CAW (IR done). External Examiner for CAW accounts required - suggestions were Jan Stephenson, WDT accounts, WGC treasurer.

IR

3. Safeguarding

OSCR end-of-year outline asks what is CAW policy regarding children/vulnerable adult protection. HM suggested that several examples of policy available via internet. **PN** to identify.

4. Historic Environment Scotland (HES) 15/7/20 par 4

HES detailed letter responding to our letter outlining a way forward. Open discussion ensued. Items included:

- a) What is CAW's (modified?) visitor market (Westray & external) given Covid-19 presence
- b) Proposed Bi-monthly meetings with HES too frequent given their funding/staffing levels
- c) What about a temporary visitor centre (WDT Marquee) for specific events / external visitor groups
- d) Foster interest & support for Westray archaeology via pop-up events eg. Flint Napping, walking tour, rent a viking, etc.
- e) Seek some financial support from WDT
- f) Tap in to Cameron & Ann (fund their time) and explore modified CAW objectives (and timescales) via Zoom meeting(s)

- g) Possible use spare capacity in existing Zoom subscription (CAW contribute to the cost?)
- h) A 'Friends of Noltland' to harness additional effort/hands (for events, publicity, funds capture)
- i) Where are similar groups finding funds (National Lottery, others?)
- j) Avoid reliance on HES to initiate.

Conclusion

- k) PN to explore with Cameron and Ann, a meeting to create a plan
- l) PN to respond to Richard at HES to convey our thanks for their very supportive response and to outline the next stage of CAW's campaign. **PN**

ED joined the meeting during discussion of the previous item.

5. Date of next meeting

To be arranged.

The meeting ended at 3:00 p.m.