

**LOUIS MCGUFFIE VC COMMEMORATION WORKING GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 31 MAY 2016
AT 7.30PM IN WIGTOWN COUNTY BUILDINGS**

PRESENT

Nick Walker, Convenor	Wigtown CC
Jack Sloan	Designer
Alistair Geddes	Elected Member
Jim McColm	Elected Member
Willie McCartney	Wigtown CC
Robin Richmond	Wigtown CC

APOLOGIES

John McDowall	Wigtown CC
Archie Dryburgh	Elected Member
Mike Morley	Wigtown resident
Graham Nicol	Elected Member
Wilma McKeown	Area Framework Team

1. Sederunt and Apologies

Five members of the Working Group present, and Jack Sloan attended to present design suggestions. Five apologies received.

2. Notes of Meeting on 21 March 2016

Agreed.

3. Site and Design Considerations

3.1 Wigtown Community Council had discussed siting issues and the bus stop / bus shelter issue. This is being addressed but will take some time to resolve. WCC agreed the switch of site to the town gardens gateway opposite the County Buildings.

3.2 Jack Sloan presented three proposals for an archway at the gates as a setting for the commemorative paving stone, and for the town garden re-naming. The proposals drew inspiration from the County Buildings architecture, a garden theme, and Military symbolism. All involved a square style of “archway” in steel which is easier and less expensive to construct, and more in keeping with the style of the town centre and its conservation status than a curved arch. He suggests cut out lettering and a three-dimensional effect in the design to give the entrance way depth, with the “archway” set between the substantial granite gate posts and the flag poles. Costs are not yet assessed.

3.3 Agreed all excellent proposals, and at this stage all three to be developed for further consultation. Drawings to be made up to level for public consultation / information session, and to share with Planning for feedback. (Jack)

3.4 Billy Murray to be updated, and invited to next meeting. (Nick)

4. Further Consultation

- 4.1 Considering public information and consultation on proposals to run approx. 22.8.2016 to 16.9.2016. Some information about McGuffie should be included. Hope to use Museum area of County Buildings.
- 4.2 Anne Ramsbottom, Stranraer Museum (responsible for Wigtown) to be contacted. (Wilma)
- 4.3 Finalise details at next committee meeting once preliminary Planning info. received.

5. Publications / Documentation

- 5.1 Deferred to next meeting. Worth bringing some features of archway design, etc. into publication design in due course.

6. Inauguration

- 6.1 Not discussed at this meeting. Feedback needed from Wigtown Festival Company (Nick not yet managed to meet the Festival Director), and from KOSB regarding the VC being here and guard of honour, etc. (Archie was following up). (Nick, Archie)
- 6.2 Suggestion that a Royal be invited once more detail of inauguration agreed.

7. Other Business

- 7.1 Funding to be discussed with Wendy Jesson for starting application process and considering requirements such as possible need to approach other designers to satisfy potential funders.

8. Action Plan

- 8.1 Update family – Nick Walker.
- 8.2 Prepare drawings for Planning's initial opinion – Jack Sloan.
- 8.3 Contact Billy Murray, Planning, for opinion and to attend next meeting – Nick Walker.
- 8.4 Contact Museums about consultation – Wilma McKeown.
- 8.5 Continue to develop publications, etc. – Mike Morley.
- 8.6 Discuss inauguration timing with Book Festival – Nick Walker.
- 8.7 Discuss inauguration, VC, guard of honour, etc. with KOSB – Archie Dryburgh.
- 8.8 Begin looking at funding options – Nick Walker, Wendy Jesson, Wilma McKeown.
- 8.9 Booking room for next meeting once confirmed – Wilma McKeown.

- 9. **Next Meeting** – Agreed to hold next meeting on Tuesday 12th July 2016 at 7.30 pm, subject to being suitable for Billy Murray and Archie Dryburgh. Wilma to book Supper Room, County Buildings.