

**Louis McGuffie VC Commemoration Working Group  
Royal Burgh of Wigtown & District Community Council  
Dumfries & Galloway Council**

**Minutes of meeting held in Wigtown County Buildings  
On Monday 31 October 2016, at 7.30 pm**

**1. Present**

Willie McCartney, Mike Morley, Jock McDowall, Jack Sloan, Nick Walker, Cllr Jim McColm, Cllr Archie Dryburgh.

**2. Apologies**

Wendy Jesson.

**3. Minutes of meeting 2.8.2016**

Approved.

**4. Site & Design**

Consultation on archway designs complete, and just over 50% of replies preferred the design inspired by the County Buildings' architecture. Family comments were positive but general. Planning feedback on informal enquiry was positive.

Next steps are to complete more formal drawings, including for plaque and paving stone, and location plan, leading to formal planning application by CC. Nick and Jack to pursue. Hazel Kerr has info. on paving stones, etc. Discussion with Iona Brooke in planning office prior to submission may help ensure all relevant documentation is included when application lodged.

Once planning agreed, coatings and funding applications can be completed. Wendy Jesson sent word that she has partially completed five funding applications per previous meeting. Costings will be needed. Nick to clarify detail of which funds, etc. and update Wendy on progress locally with designs.

Note that flagpoles are in need of repair to ropes, etc. and war memorial chains need some minor repair and repainting. Archie to pursue with DG First.

**5. Inauguration**

Archie visited site during book festival to see layout. He is content that guard of honour, special guests and public attending the inauguration ceremony can be accommodated within the area available even with marquées in situ. Further detailed preparation nearer the time. Preliminary contact with churches soon - Nick to speak to Rev. Boyle, Rev. McGarva and Father Neil.

**6. Publications**

Mike reported ongoing progress. Aim is for editor ready copy including graphics for March 2017.

## **7. Tasks**

- Pursue local family - Willie
- Notice seeking to contact family in papers - D&GC via Archie / Hazel
- Planning application - Nick and Jack
- *Post-planning - more detailed drawings for costings, etc. and finding applications.*
- Updates churches - Nick
- Chase up flag pole repairs and repair/paint war memorial chains - Archie
- Chase up progress re fundraising draft applications - Nick / Wendy
- Publication content ready for designer / printer - Mike
- Room booking for next meeting - Wilma

## **8. Other business**

Tom Simpson may be a local relative of McGuffie. Willie to check details and make contact.

## **9. Next meeting**

Monday 27.2.2017, 7.30 pm, Wigtown County Buildings. Wilma McKeown to book RSPB visitor room for meeting, and confirm with working group.