Louis McGuffie VC Centenary Committee

Notes of Meeting held on 24 April 2017, 7.30 pm, Wigtown County Buildings

Present: Nick Walker (Chair) Apologies: Cllr Alistair Geddes

Cllr Jim McColm
Robin Richmond
Mike Morley
Jack Sloan

1. <u>Minutes of Meeting of 27.2.2017</u> were agreed without amendment.

2. Matters Arising from last meeting:

- 1. Church contacts. Nick Walker had updated Baptist, Roman Catholic and Church of Scotland clergy about inauguration plans so far. Stephen McGarva had indicated he was happy to assist and could become involved in planing nearer the time. Others had made no reply.
- 2. Flag pole and war memorial repairs. Karen Brownlie, D&G Enterprise, had agreed the war memorial chain will be repainted but memorial wording does not require repair. There is doubt about ownership of the flagpoles, and she is looking into this. Stephen Jack, formerly D&GC Area Framework Manager for Wigtownshire, had previously agreed they were D&GC responsibility but this was apparently never entirely clarified. Local recollection suggests the current flag poles donated by David McRobert and are considered part of the Common Good pertaining to the Royal Burgh of Wigtown. Clarity is needed to ensure repairs are completed. Nick Walker to pursue this again with Karen Brownlie.

3. Site and design:

Planning Application has been submitted at last, with Comm. Council paying fee. There is no feedback yet. Nick Walker to ensure application is validated.

Further elements of design and then costing need to await a planning decision.

4. <u>Inauguration</u>

Nil at present.

5. Publication:

Mike Morley had circulated an updated draft following feedback from various sources including Jack Hunter. Nick Walker had discussed this with Mike Marshall (formerly of Isle of Whithorn) and sent draft documents. Mike Marshall will complete a quote for design and type-setting. Printing quotes can be obtained as a guide at the same time. Several questions need addressed: what quality of paper and style of book? what size and format? what quality of paper and cover style? Agreed: relatively standard size; good quality paperback or simple hardcover; barcode and ISBN; initial print run c. 500 copies.

Nick Walker to pass these decisions on to Mike Marshall, and then circulate quotes when available. Funding applications to be follow once nearer production agreement.

6. Funding:

Nick Walker indicated that application had been made to Wigtown Common Good fund for £500.00 to cover costs of planning application, and designs and consultation about the archway. Cllr McColm took no part in this discussion.

Wendy Jesson has not yet provided draft applications as previously discussed. Nick Walker to chase this up.

7. Other Business:

Nil at present.

8. Next meeting:

Likely mid-summer, but date to be confirmed, depending on Planning Application progress, receipt of draft finding applications, feedback about book design, etc., and D&GC local authority elections.