

Minutes 21/3/23

Attending: Heather Flynn (HF), Sarah Reid, (SR) Andrew Downie (AD), Paola Rezzilli (PR)

Apologies: Nick Kempe, Heather Alexander, Imelda Devlin, Jane Carolan, Steven Good

Windows Wanderland:

Agreed the event went well and was successful. Not as many windows were decorated but didn't detract.

There was one complaint but it was sorted out via email correspondence with the complainant. It was a one on one complaint with a steward, so agreed that next time we need to have 2 stewards at each point.

Agreed the stewards worked well and it took the stress off the society members, who could enjoy the evening.

SR thought the event had probably reached its peak. We agreed to discuss it later this year whether to have it again next year. It was thought that it we could possibly do it for another year then leave it at that. To be discussed at a later meeting.

If we do have the event again next year, we wouldn't employ a photographer.

SR left the meeting meaning there was only 3 attendee's so decisions couldn't be made, actions only.

Bungo in the Back Lanes Planning:

- The Bungo bar has agreed to do the Marywood/Queen Square bar again. They have been offered the RPS/QS bar area and are to give their decision at the end of March.
- The toilets and first aiders have been provisionally booked, pending cost agreement.
- There was a change to the amount of tables and chair to be booked this year, from 52 tables and 100 chairs last year to 45 tables and 120 chairs this year. PR to book them.
- PR to hire the fencing.
- Heather Alexander wishes to step down from organising the stalls this year. We need someone to take that on. Or we let those who are looking for stalls to find spaces themselves this year. We need to put out a call on social media asking for people in the area if they are willing to let someone use their part of the lane. To be discussed.

- Heather Alexander will liaise with Crawford re: live music in 2 spaces.
- James Spooner to ask permission to use the hard standing garden for live music on QS as per last year.
- AD will ask Stephen Lamb if he's doing the Bungo Tea Garden this year.
- PR to ask Niall Walker if he could do the poster.
- The event book and guide is on Dropbox. Could newcomers to the society take a look over it please. If you don't have access, let us know.
- Need someone to organise the Family Garden. It got a bit lost last year so needs to be built up again and have some publicity around it. Or scrap it which would be a shame.
- AD to put an FAQ about selling alcohol in private gardens and walking around the lanes with bottles of beer etc. because of licensing regulations. Need to put this on social media and in the newsletter.
- Time of the event. Last year it was 1-5pm, but maybe this year it could be 12-5pm. Need society agreement on this asap for licensing and posters.
- PR to get permission from homeowners for the bars. AD to get permission from homeowner for the loos.
- PR to contact Teresa to find out if she wants to do the bottle stall again.
- Imelda Devlin has decided to step down from organising the tombola. We're looking for someone to take that over.
- There was talk last year that there was someone who would do a makers market lane - James Spooner knows that person and we ask that he makes contact to find out if it's feasible. But it needs to be with the BitBL ethos. Can Heather Alexander liaise?
- AD to find out from Steve Good about the amount of money we have to buy a gazebo for the society stall.

Network Rail:

There wasn't enough people at the meeting to discuss this. We were wondering if Nick Kempe sent the letter to NR as discussed by Jane Carolan at the last meeting minutes.

What's App:

AD has set up a What's App for the society. Some folk are on it, but if you're not and you would like to be, please send Andrew your telephone number so that he can add you. It's there to share meetings and information about the society that people might not be getting through email.

Newsletter:

There wasn't enough of us to talk fully about the newsletter. We need to get one out the end of May/beginning of June's so we need content asap.

The content needs to be ready for the last week of April for HF to lay it out. If it's ready early, it will bring down print costs.

AOCB:

Brighter Bungo - Imelda is stepping down from the organisation of Brighter Bungo. We will then be looking for someone to co-ordinate it going forward. There was talk about the street's own What's App groups to co-ordinate it for themselves.

Works on the Lanes: Still waiting for planning permission.

NEXT MEETING: 18 APRIL 2023