

## Trustees of the Sinodun Players

Minutes of the 105<sup>th</sup> Trustees Meeting held on Monday 19 October 2020 via Zoom at 7.30pm.

**Present:** J Utley (Chair), D Lisburne (Minutes), R Dewell, E Leadbetter, J Jeskins, E Stevens, G Wright, J Wright

**Apologies:** Ken McRae (Board)

### Minutes of last meeting

Approved

### Matters arising from 104th meeting not covered elsewhere

Ken McRae will join us at the next meeting.

Fundraising with BFI – to discuss in detail under AOB.

### Items to and from board

Roof is complete and on budget.

Loans that we have, have agreed to extend. Board are saying 'freeze on spending', essential items only.

### Items to and from Sinodun Players Committee

See Enid's notes from her attendance at last meeting. GWr added that some people have complained about sitting on every other seat. This needs sorting because couples want to sit together, but the website is not showing new set-up as agreed to improve this situation.

Covid Response team have asked SPC to get involved – but GWr says we need more guidance e.g. so that not just anyone picks up the fogger machine. IT talking about having a Raspberry Pie system to display various materials on various screens. Fiona is asking us to look at setting meetings before the deadline of CX Times – this deadline will be moved to accommodate the latest meetings of all 3 committees. Oliver has now set up new database and so Jean as Editor will now be able to send CX Times out as soon as it is ready.

The young lady doing her Duke of Edinburgh award will now help Leonie with Encore.

### Financial Matters.

JWr reported that so far the Acoustician has cost £18,832 and their estimate for end of their work is £26k, solicitor £12k so far and end estimate £20k, Counsel £4k so far, and thinks another £15k to go. £35k so far spent, end total likely to be around £62k. Proposed that we as Trustees need to keep spending on this as the Board cannot afford it. Approved *nem con*.

£2k recently transferred from SPC with Gift Aid money. The Board is still holding last year's Panto money to give them a buffer.

### Report on virtual AGM

JU thought it worked well and people did vote (~32). Report and draft Minutes of AGM should also have appeared in CX Times – JU will see to this. Disappointing response compared to the Survey Monkey which took place a few weeks previously. JWr suggests we upload the draft Minutes of the Sept20 AGM

### **Report on Planning Appeal**

GWr said it's all getting a bit nasty with Lesters. SODC are on our side. Need to get whatever facts and support we can to use in the Appeal. We will be putting in a claim for costs. Information as to how to join the Appeal via Microsoft Teams is in the last copy of CXTimes and you have to apply to SODC to join.

The Trustees wish to record their sincere thanks and admiration for all the hard work both Gloria and John Wright have done to put the Proof of Evidence documents together. 10-13Nov20 are the Appeal dates. The format of the hearing is still tba – either courtroom or round table.

### **LTG**

Have sent the latest update on regulations for safe Covid opening. Our H&S consultant has advised that we can have 2 pods of 6 backstage. This will work for A Daughter's A Daughter. Encore will return in person after half term – will be treated as an after-school activity.

### **Any other business**

Keith Yapp - the Trustees wish to record a vote of thanks to Keith for all his work on the Board and in the Workshop.

Fundraising – with BFI – noted that Fiona Smith and John Evans are finding this extremely hard work and very time consuming.

3 Chairs meeting scheduled for 28 October

### **Dates of Next Meeting**

Next Bd mtg: 2 Nov (Roger) and then 7 Dec (Eric)

Next SPC – 4 Nov (Enid)

Next Trustee meeting: Mon 14 Dec then Mon 25 Jan