



## Minutes BAT meeting 9 March 2020

Agenda item	Discussions / decisions reached	Actions
<b>1.Apologies /welcome</b>	Apologies: Cathy fox, Helen Howell, Robert Davies, Nicky Cooper, Cliff & Cath Bassett, Paula Knight Present: Brian Jones, John Hart, Emma Spenser, Julia Buckley	
<b>2.Minutes of previous meeting</b>	Check date – sat 4 <sup>th</sup> April rather than 3 <sup>rd</sup> - John Hart: update on Freeman statue – written text, condensing down Robert Davies’ text to fit	
<b>3.Progress on Freeman Statue</b>	<p><u>Painting:</u> Amy Higgins has nearly finished – could be completed by the weekend. Next step is to get it varnished in preparation, then filled with geofix concrete – JB to check with JSR and G&amp;W who can do this (requires specialist equipment) and need to be careful not to damage design work.</p> <p><u>Groundworks:</u> JB had met with Barry Ince from BTC, visited the site, completed the paperwork seeking permission from Historic England, and agreed a way forward to the groundworks. The BTC DLF have been booked (at cost) to dig and prepare the foundations. The depth of foundations cannot exceed 0.3M BJ advised that the depth of the concrete paving slab must be a minimum of 6 inches to take the weight of the plinth</p> <p><u>Plinth:</u> Need to order plinth from TG Builders – want smaller (950mm) and less deep, and seek permission to paint it slate grey on site if possible. When best to paint the biscuit lid? In situ once fitted, or at TG’s?</p> <p><u>Installation:</u> JB has sought a quote from JSR, it is a simpler and smaller job than previous. Forklift truck would it Brian Jones available to answer questions. JB to follow up with phone call to JSR.</p> <p>Statue no. 14 not possible. The smaller mini-statues have already been gifted and the DLF concerned about theft.</p>	<p>AH</p> <p>JB</p> <p>JB/ CB?</p> <p>JB</p>

	<p><u>Launch:</u> Target date is Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Saturday) Q: Is the Easter Bunny in the park doing Easter egg hunt? If so need to check at what time, and to book Journal photographer - could ensure large numbers of families already in Castle Grounds. JB to check is there a new town Crier yet?</p> <p><u>Contingency Plan:</u> Alternative re-launch date could be VE Day weekend, Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p><u>Comms:</u> Statue will be called No.13. JB had quote from Bridgnorth Print of £329 for 5,000 new maps with amends. New anagram is: "catch-me-who-can" (13 letters) need new glossy stickers to relabel statues and match the new maps. Organise Journal with press release and photographer Freeman on day – procession through town??? Their rights - not on road – ask Robert Davies</p>	JB to check
<b>4.Repairs / maintenance programme</b>	<p>Repairs / maintenance programme for Easter holidays Cliff Bassett report on damage on statue no.9 – varnish lifting but no damage yet Other repairs delayed due to weather constraints     &gt;&gt; complete repairs by Easter     &gt;&gt; set date for painting party before Easter</p> <p>BJ will enquire whether SVR could put a concrete base on the SVR statue – paving slab same as Castle grounds</p>	CB  BJ
<b>5.Marketing / publicity</b>	<p>Press release a) sneak peaks with Amy Higgins and Freeman b) Re-launch of trail for Easter tourism season</p> <p>Prepare story for press release- book photographer - social media, facebook etc - what's what (need to check deadline) / Shropshire Mag? - Bridgnorth Journal &amp; Shropshire Star</p>	JB
<b>6.AOB</b>	<p>We will stick to existing tourism leaflet - although it mentions 12 statues (and now there are 13) we will not change it yet because there are still thousands left, and cost to reprint too high When we run out we can update the leaflet with "13 statues" for the next round. Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> may – 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary – SVR</p>	
<b>7.Next Meetings</b>	<p>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30pm – 8pm Easter trail re-launch date: Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April, time TBC (Contingency date: Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May, )</p>	All / ES