

Minutes WW1 Centenary meeting

14.6.18

Present: Simon Stokes (St. M & St. C) Michaels Graves (Gage Rd Chapel), Ian Moncur (Chairman Town Council), Dean Akrill (St. M & St. C), Alistair McDougall (Scouts), Bill Sayer (Scouts), Ken Lashley (Sprowston Town Council), Rosemary Clarke (St. Cuthbert's), Philip Harvey (St. M & St. C) Sheila Tuffield (Sprowston Church), Peter Savage (Sprowston Church), Kirsty Deary & Martin Callam (Methodist Church).

Apologies: Roy Hill, Valerie Hill (British Legion), Steven Butterfield (boys brigade)

The following comments pick up on tasks from the previous meeting:

Main plan is to have Diamond Centre open for the weekend plus possibly the Senior Citizens club on the Saturday. Manpower & resources may limit further exhibitions.

- Some articles & books have made their way to Dean – no personal stories as yet. The production planning is underway. Nch community choir still not definite but have been invited. No artefacts as yet. Community hub will make the white crosses for names to be added to. Val Kibble has been in contact. Dean will contact Senior Citizens club to collect stories.
- Sparhawk - no further news. Bill has been in touch with Sprowston high – letter resent to head of art.
- ARC – under way – no further info
- Kirsty emailed library – not heard back. Also contacted Norse ref reminiscence kits – not heard back. Kirsty will use letter as sent to schools for further contact.
- Chris Anderson – no further info.
- Air Cadets – Simon to speak to Andy Hudson.
- Philip to liaise with Bill to arrange school poster competition. Simon has spoken to Sparhawk, Cecil, Falcon and Sprowston Junior who all wish to be involved. Valerie offered crosses/poppies if required for school use – nothing changed. Philip will email all head teachers again.
- Ken still liaising with Regiment museum
- Alistair has contacted film archive – dvd has been produced – he has a copy. Could be played on loop during the event – must not be charged to view. (DVD must be returned). 2 further DVDs possible – Alistair investigating.
- Peter Sneddon made contact with dvds for centenary. Email address of printers now available. Ian will contact printers to investigate costs and possible underwriting by the council. Will also investigate cost of printing enlarged panels for display.
- Avenue of trees – Ian confirmed this has been agreed by council. Don't know numbers at this stage. Will be a plaque to recognise what the avenue symbolises.

- School posters still ongoing.
- June happy to liaise ref coordinating events in the Diamond Centre. Rosemary has audio recording of 'the Last Fighting Tommy' – could be played in a small room.
- Scouts are making poppies. Poppies to have names of individual soldiers, crosses to have names of the battles.
- Simon will email the list of WW1 names to Alistair and Ken.
- Memorial – Val has had one quote for repair. No funds as yet. Ian will investigate grants.
- The peal of bells (7.20pm) may be supplemented by beacons being lit across the country
- Crosses being made by the Hub. Bunnings are happy to donate the wood required – Philip in contact with them.
- Norfolk Knitters have already knitted 130 poppies!! Rosemary showed a picture of how the poppies will be displayed on the memorial. All knitters welcome to join in.
- Roy & Val have purchased new planters to go along the back near the wall.
- Peter will help to clean up the brick area near the wall.
- Service will not be relayed to Methodist church but will need relaying outside St M&M as numbers are expected to be in excess of the building's capacity. Kirsty will speak to Richard at the Methodist church to see if this is technically possible through them. Dean will also speak to the panto video relay team. Michael will speak to Meadow way also.
- Alistair mentioned possibility of displays around the walls at Diamond Centre. Info from the book plus also area for people to make own poppy, info on memorials, what the armistice was, Menin gate, ... copy of Alistair's notes attached.
- Discussion about refreshments – possibly at Senior citizens club – war themed.

Simon thanked everyone for attending

Date of next meeting

Thursday 19th July 5pm

St. Cuthbert's