



Chair's Report March 2022 - March 2023

Pleasingly, Friends have made good progress this year.

a. Everton FC has become one of our Patrons, alongside Liverpool FC.

b. LCC's Lead on Heritage and LCC's Cems and Crems Manager are helping to drive our projects along.

c. Replacement Clock Tower Mechanism:

Terry is seeking a quote, to fit a replacement clock mechanism in the iconic clock tower, after LCC produced a positive tower safety structural report.

d. Blitz War Memorial:

Liverpool's Blitz War Memorial is beyond repair. LCC has invited Friends to replace the existing with a new design. Graham and John are following this up and are to seek funding.

e. Facebook:

Paul Senar is a joint admin for a separate Facebook page using our name. LCC is monitoring the activity. Meanwhile, our Facebook members are approaching 1,000, thanks to Karan and Terry.

f. Find a Grave:

Our 'thank you' to Karan and Steve, who continue to respond to our 'Find a Grave' enquiries. Perhaps the most significant 'Find a Grave' this year was that of William Powell, who served in the Federal army during the American Civil War, where he became one of only thirteen African American surgeons. Gina Williams (enquirer) intends to approach Washington

DC with the intention of getting some recognition for him - all subject to LCC approval, of course.

g. Information Boards:

Our two 6' x 3' information boards, informing the public about our aim to build an International Heritage and Visitor Centre were passed by Planning and installed by Crosby Memorials. Very encouraging comments have been received so far.

h. National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) Application:

With the aid of Alan Smith (LCC's Heritage Lead) Friends intend to submit a National Lottery Expression of Interest (up to £250k) to engage 'a wider range of people' with the history of Liverpool and heritage of the cemetery. To engage people properly, we need an onsite presence. After Planning advised that an application for a cabin (sited near the chapel) was unlikely to get consent, Alan (Cems and Crems) suggested that if it were possible, Friends could use part of the South elevation of the chapel. Power, water, drainage, asbestos and structural issues are to be checked.

i. Pre Planning Advice:

Two pieces of advice were received in response to our Pre Planning Advice application - (i) employ a Planning Consultant and (ii) an Arboretum Impact Assessment (AIA) would need to be submitted with any Planning Application as there are some trees close to the proposed build. The removal of any trees would need a mitigation plan.

j. Funding for a Full Planning Application:

It's worth remembering that when we employed a professional fund raiser during our £50,300 Resilient Heritage grant, it became clear that large funding packages would not be forthcoming unless we had Planning Permission. A meeting with Steve Rotheram confirmed that to be the case.

To continue, we need:

- i. full Planning Permission (approx £7k)
- ii. to clarify who should apply for Planning Permission, Friends or LCC as owners of the property and land
- iii. a Planning Consultant (cost being sort)
- iv. an Arboretum Impact Assessment (approx £7k)
- v. a Mitigation Plan (cost being sort)
- vi. seek a Partnership Agreement with LCC and a 'Parent Company Guarantor' element, due to Friends' lack of equity.

k. Central Site for Friends' Essential Literature:

A 'Trustee access only' site has been set up on the web to store Friends' essential literature and needs to be developed.

l. Bank Statement:

Treasurer provided copies of the current accounts. The accounts can be signed off when the final Bank Statement covering up to the 31st March arrives.

m. Voting / confirming Trustees as per Constitution:

Our Constitution requires that 1/3 of our Trustees stand for re-election every year after three years of our formation. — — — This year it's: Cathie, Bill and Terry

Also, individual officers' role to be voted on every three years - This year: Secretary

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Balance Brought Forward £6,129.37 Refund to NLHF
£6,129.37

Balance for Resilient Heritage Grant
Nil

Treasurer:

Date:

Audited by:

Date: