

**MINUTES OF THE CROMWELL ASSOCIATION COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2019 AT**  
**THE CITY TEMPLE, LONDON.**

Present:

Mr John Goldsmith	Dr Jonathan Fitzgibbons
Mr Paul Robbins	Mr Geoffrey Bush
Mr John Newland	Mr John Gibbon
Mr Richard Warren	Dr Miranda Malins
Dr Charlotte Young	

Apologies:

Mr Stuart Orme	Dr Maxine Forshaw
Prof Peter Gaunt	Mrs Serrie Meakins
Dr Ismini Pells	

In Attendance:

Mr Simon Blake

**ITEM 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

1. John Goldsmith welcomed all Council Members to the meeting and noted apologies. He noted that Simon Blake would present Maxine Forshaw's report.

**ITEM 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (12 JUNE 2019)**

2. a. **Item 9 para 27 – New Passwords for Schools:** All Schools would be notified of a password change. The second sentence in the paragraph should be changed from, “When there was a password change Paul Robbins would inform all schools with a paid-up Schools' Membership of the new password.” to “When there was a password change Paul Robbins would inform all schools of the new password.”

b. **Item 10.2 para 32 – St Fagan's Interpretation Board:** The comment that the Interpretation Board at St Fagan's was outside should be deleted. The second sentence in the paragraph should be changed from, “This had been put up in the mid-1990s and being outside it was not in a good condition.” to “This had been put up in the mid-1990s and it was not in a good condition.”

c. **Item 16 para 57 – Typographical Error:** In the Action on John Newland the surname of the Anatoly Lunacharsky had been spelt wrongly. It had been written as “Luncharsky” and should be corrected to “Lunacharsky”.

3. With no further amendments, the Minutes of the last Meeting were accepted as accurate and signed by John Goldsmith.

### **ITEM 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **4. a. Item 12 – Publisher’s Licensing:**

In the absence of Maxine Forshaw, John Goldsmith said this Item should be passed over.

### **ITEM 4. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

5. John Goldsmith then continued by reviewing the report circulated to all Council Members prior to the Meeting. All Points, 1 to 4, required raising at the Meeting.

#### **Item 4.1 – Point 1:**

6. Point 1 dealt with the decision made at the 12 June 2019 Meeting to purchase 500 copies of the David Horspool biography of Oliver Cromwell. This purchase had now been made and a 50% discount on the order negotiated. Paul Robbins agreed to store the copies.

**Action: Paul Robbins to store the copies of the David Horspool biography of Oliver Cromwell.**

#### **Item 4.2 – Point 2:**

7. A copy of Anatoly Lunacharsky’s play about Oliver Cromwell has been deposited with the Cromwell Collection in Huntingdon Library.

#### **Item 4.3 – Point 3:**

8. Point 3 dealt with the Association’s possible involvement with a campaign to save the wreck of *The London*. This was a ship commissioned by the Protectorate in 1656. It blew up in 1665 and its wreck, discovered in 2005, is vulnerable owing to its closeness to modern shipping lanes. Artefacts recovered from the wreck have been of a quality and condition equivalent to artefacts recovered from *The Mary Rose*. Opportunity exists for partnership with the Nautical Archaeological Society and the London Shipwreck Trust, the promoters of the campaign. John Goldsmith did point out that whilst there was clear intent to preserve *The London*, efforts thus far had seemed to be low-key. He recommended that the Association should become involved with the campaign to preserve the wreck of *The London*. Agreed.

#### **Item 4.4 – Point 4:**

9. Point 4 was a request for someone to represent the Association and give a reading at a carol concert at St Giles’, Cripplegate on Monday 16 December. John Goldsmith had accepted and requested confirmation by Council. Agreed to both elements.

10. Not on the Chairman’s Report, John Goldsmith reported that he had completed the required report for the Charity Commissioners and sent it off to them. As well, he had sent out a general email to all Members about the Autumn lecture series in November at the Cromwell Museum.

## **ITEM 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

11. Richard Warren continued by reviewing the report circulated to all Council Members prior to the Meeting. All Points, from 1 to 5, required either raising at the Meeting or to be noted for completeness and transparency.

### **Item 5.1 – Point 1:**

12. Point 1 dealt with the 2020 AGM. This was dealt with later under Item 12.

### **Item 5.2 – Point 2:**

13. Point 2 dealt with a contact from a trustee of Great Houghton Church in Yorkshire. Dating to the Interregnum there is an unverified tradition that Cromwell visited. They are looking to forge links to increase their profile but have no specific project in mind. In discussion, given that whilst there was no hard evidence to support Cromwell's visit, it was accepted that positive contact was appropriate but active endorsement and involvement (especially financial) was not. Agreed that a piece could be put in the *Pen* about it. Agreed that Richard Warren liaise with his contact at Houghton and request them to provide an article of 500 words and an image for inclusion in the *Pen*.

**Action: Richard Warren to liaise with his contact at Houghton and request them to provide an article of 500 words and an image for the *Pen*.**

### **Item 5.3 – Point 3:**

14. Point 3 raised the issue of the wreck of *The London* and had been dealt with under Item 4.3 above.

### **Item 5.4 – Point 4:**

15. Point 4 dealt with enquiries about the provenance of a watch that has been claimed to have belonged to Cromwell and a portrait ring he is supposed to have given as a gift. On viewing some images the ring appeared more 18th Century than 17th Century. Investigations of the watch continued.

**Action: John Goldsmith to further investigate the watch.**

### **Item 5.5 – Point 5:**

16. Point 5 dealt with attendance by Richard Warren and Geoffrey Bush at the West Sussex Archive Society Conference. John Goldsmith thanked them for attending and from their report it had been a good event. Noted.

## **ITEM 6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

17. Geoffrey Bush reported on the current state of the Finances reviewing the Treasurer's Report circulated to all Council Members prior to the meeting which is attached to these minutes, both the financials and notes thereto. He summarised the main elements of the Report. Subscriptions were doing well especially with renewals. Merchandising was good and the Schools' Conference had made an

impressive surplus. Although the Cromwell Day was down financially, the Association had received a cheque for £280 from the Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology (SHLA) as their agreed share of the profit made on the 15 June Study Day. The caterers for Cromwell Day had been paid.

18. Regarding publications, Geoffrey Bush advised that the bill for *Cromwelliana* was 12.5% higher this year than last. Despite repeatedly requesting an explanation from the firm used by the Association, *The Printing Place*, there had been no response. The bill had not been paid but the full invoice amount had been incorporated into the accounts. John Goldsmith noted that the firm used by the Association was competitive and that moving to a new firm may not provide any real financial advantage and was likely to be editorially disruptive. Leaving aside the present issue over the current invoice for *Cromwelliana*, for all future work, the Association should request a written estimate of the cost before placing an order and challenge the estimate if it looks too expensive.

19. On other matters regarding the cost of the meeting room bookings, Richard Warren reported that he understood that the planned refurbishment work at the City Temple had been put on hold. This means that for the present Council can still hold its meetings at this venue.

19a. The Treasurer confirmed that according to these latest accounts we hold currently over £21,000 in funds at the bank with prospects of higher amounts in the future. We do not need more than £12,000 to £15,000 in reserve (to cover exceptional adverse eventualities.) Accordingly we should look to complete various projects in progress with the minimum of delay or else members might question why we are raising subscriptions and the Charity Commission might also not look too kindly on our repeated surpluses.

## **ITEM 7. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

20. Paul Robbins circulated a printed report to the Meeting. He reported that the Association presently had 534 Members. At the last Meeting in January the total had been 509. This included 1 new School.

As of this date the figures were as follows. Figures for June in brackets:

346 (321)	Annual Membership (fully paid)
27 (27)	Family Membership (fully paid)
125 (126)	Life Members
31 (30)	Schools
1 (1)	Corporate
4 (4)	Honorary Members (complimentary)

21. Paul Robbins noted that the disposition of Members remained the same. Most members were UK-based, presently 446 of the grand total of 534. Of the

overseas Members, the disposition of Members also remained the same, with the United States holding the largest number of Members, with now 24. Representation of all other overseas Members remained the same as in March.

22. Continuing his report, Paul Robbins advised that there had been an increase of 13 Members on this point last year but the Association had also lost 3 Family and 1 Life Member on the same 12 month point. There had also been a return of 5 mailings. All-in-all, there was a small but growing increase in overall membership. Concluding his report, Paul Robbins stated that he had 26 copies remaining of, *Cromwell Four Centuries On*. John Goldsmith noted the healthy nature of the Membership numbers.

### **ITEM 8. MERCHANDISING REPORT**

23. John Gibbon circulated a printed report to the Meeting. This report noted the sales at the Lincoln Study Day (£70.00), while a further £645.00 had been sold by mail order since the Summer edition of the *Pen* was published in July. Almost two-thirds of sales were of the bust of Cromwell. Of the remaining sales, coasters and pens have been the best sellers. Given the gradual rate of turnover for most items, stocks are more than adequate. No action is recommended regarding sourcing of further items. Specifically, this includes the sourcing of USB sticks.

24. John Gibbon continued his report with a query to Council as to whether Association merchandise should be advertised on the Association website. In discussion this was felt to be a positive step and should be considered. Agreed that, were the sale of Association merchandise to go ahead on the Association website, then it should be placed on the general website for purchase by both Members and non-Members. Were general access to Association merchandise to be available in this manner, it was further agreed that there should be a two-tier price structure, with non-Members being charged more than Members. Agreed. It was also accepted that where the Association had a presence at events, if feasible merchandise should be offered for sale.

25. Concluding this Item, John Goldsmith stated that the first thing was to ask Mike Carrigan to investigate putting the Association merchandise on the Association website. He would liaise with Mike Carrigan over this.

**Action: John Goldsmith to liaise with Mike Carrigan over putting the Association merchandise on the Association website.**

### **ITEM 9. STUDY DAYS AND SEMINARS**

#### Item 9.1 – Review of SHLA Joint Event 15 June 19:

26. John Goldsmith reported that the Event had been hugely successful with about 130 in the audience. As noted in the Treasurer's Report (para 17 above) the Association had received a cheque from the SHLA for £280 as their share of the financial surplus on the day. As well, seven new members had been signed up and

copy had been generated (through the Papers given) for the next issue of *Cromwelliana*. Although this Study Day had gone very well, John Goldsmith did caution about engaging in joint ventures as clarity is essential for all financial issues that may arise as a consequence.

Item 9.2 – Future Programme – “Save *The London*” Campaign 07 March 2020:

27. Continuing on from his Chairman's Report under Item 4.4 above, John Goldsmith reported that the Save the London (STL) Campaign wanted to run an annual event to raise awareness about the cause and support for it. As such, they wanted to run a Study Day/Event on Saturday 07 March 2020. Richard Warren had been in email contact with them. The Campaign organisers had put forward a draft programme of events for the day.

28. Although the draft programme seemed low-key John Goldsmith believed that the Association should support the Campaign. The STL organisers had asked if an Association Member could give a general overview of the 1650s and speak for about 30 minutes. They would offer a discount for all Association Members attending on the 07 March. Miranda Malins volunteered to attend and give the talk. Richard Warren said he would act as fall-back in case she was not able to attend. Agreed.

29. It was noted that to publicise this Day/Event, this would have a knock-on effect to the mailing schedule for the *Pen*.

Item 9.3 – Future Programme – Association Study Day 2020:

30. Agreed the Study Day should be returned to its usual position of being in the Autumn. Also agreed that the Study Day for 2020 should be focused on John Morrill's work on Cromwell's Letters and Speeches. Noted that Peter Gaunt had said he would be happy to chair the Day.

31. There was discussion about dates and venues. The following was decided on,

a. 1st choice date was Saturday 17 October 2020. The fall-back date was the next Saturday, 24 October. Choice of dates was informed by a desire to avoid the School half-term holidays as much as possible.

b. 1st choice venue was Oxford (Friends' Meeting House). 2nd and 3rd choices, in order, were London and then Cambridge.

Item 9.4 – Future Programme – St Fagan's October 2021:

32. St Fagan's was pencilled in for October 2021. Agreed that the focus of the Study Day should be Cromwell in Wales and the Event itself should be co-ordinated with the commissioning of the new Interpretation Board.

**ITEM 10. EDUCATION REPORT**

33. In the absence of Serrie Meakins, John Goldsmith reviewed a written report provided by her to Council. He thanked her for organising the Schools' Conference

and for her full report.

Item 10.1 – Schools' Conference (Newark) 26 June 2019:

34. This had gone very well. There had been 93 delegates, mainly from State Schools. The lower price had attracted a wider audience. The workshop sessions and questions had been very good and a number of people had made compliments about the Day. The free lunch had been very much appreciated by the Teachers. The debates had been put on the website.

Item 10.2 – Schools' Conference (Huntingdon) 24 June 2020:

35. Serrie Meakins was now working on next year's Schools' Conference at Huntingdon (scheduled for Wednesday 24 June 2020) and was liaising with Stuart Orme to progress it. The pencilled-in working focus for the Day (TBC) was “the 1640s”. On her request for advice for Speakers for the Day, Miranda Malins agreed to advise.

**Action: Miranda Malins to liaise with Serrie Meakins on advising for Speakers for the 2020 Schools' Conference.**

36. In discussion it was confirmed that Trustees should be paid ‘expenses’, rather than a fee and that all decisions on expenses to be offered should be agreed by Serrie Meakins, John Goldsmith and Geoffrey Bush.

**ITEM 11. CROMWELL DAY 2019**

Item 11.1 – Review of Cromwell Day Service at St Mary's Church, Putney 07 September 2019:

37. John Goldsmith regretted that he had not been able to attend owing to personal circumstances. From accounts received, it had all gone very well. The morning visit and tour at the National Army Museum had been enriched by having a very knowledgeable guide. After the tour there had been time to explore the Museum individually. The Service had taken place at 3pm with the vicar of St Mary's introducing the Church and saying a few words about the Church and its role in the events of 1647. Reverend Tim Woolley had led the Service and Professor Ted Vallance had given the Address. Without being sombre, the entire Service had been both dignified and serious and reflected the significance of where it was being held and the person and beliefs of Oliver Cromwell himself. Following the Service, there had been a Tea laid on by the Church's on-site cafe. This had been enjoyed by all.

39. Geoffrey Bush reported that the cash collection at the end of the Service had been disappointing and had only partially offset the costs of the Service (the St Mary's organist, Rev Tim Woolley's expenses, donation to St Mary's, the wreath and the cost of the Tea). At the 2018 Service at Worcester, the cash shortfall for the day had been considerably lower. He noted that there was a need to boost attendance. Richard Warren stated he would do a report on Cromwell Day for the *Pen*.

**Action: Richard Warren to do a report on Cromwell Day for the *Pen*.**

Item 11.2 – Proposed Location for 2020 Cromwell Day:

40. Richard Warren reported that the Commons was not scheduled to be sitting on 03 September 2020 (a Thursday). Realistically, there was not much chance of being able to hold the Service at Westminster. Council would continue to ask but a fall-back position was needed.

41. Owing to 03 September not likely to be possible at Westminster, the accepted fall-back position was for a date on the nearest Saturday – this was 05 September. Regarding an alternative location and venue, a Member had suggested Sidney Sussex College in Cambridge. Other suggestions had flagged up St Ives and Dunbar. The distances people would have to travel to attend was felt likely to be a factor should either of these two locations be chosen. John Goldsmith said he would investigate the possibility of having the 2020 Cromwell Day Service at Sidney Sussex College in Cambridge and report back at the January 2020 Meeting. Agreed.

**Action: John Goldsmith to investigate the possibility of having the 2020 Cromwell Day Service at Sidney Sussex College in Cambridge and report back at the January 2020 Meeting.**

**ITEM 12. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020**

Item 12.1 – Decision on Location:

42. Various locations were discussed. Of these Bridgwater and Bolsover appeared the most viable. Noted that Vice President Pat Barnes had offered assistance. On further examination Bolsover was believed to be do-able but Bridgwater was felt to be the better option. Agreed, Bridgwater to be the location for the 2020 AGM. Richard Warren agreed to run with this and to thank Pat Barnes for her offer of help.

**Action: (1) Richard Warren to progress admin for 2020 AGM prior to January 2020 Council Meeting. (2) Website to be updated with note of 2020 AGM location.**

Item 12.2 – Practical Arrangements:

43. These to follow on from confirmation of location, with action by Richard Warren together with other Council Members as needed.

**ITEM 13. PUBLICATIONS AND MAILINGS**

Item 13.1 – Review of Summer Mailing:

44. Reported that the mailing had all gone well and there had been 2 notes of thanks from Members.

Item 13.2 – Cromwelliana 2019 Editor's Report:

45. In Editor Maxine Forshaw's absence, Simon Blake provided the Meeting with her report. In summary, it had all gone well.



Item 13.3 – Cromwelliana 2020:

46. Noted that Ismini Pells had agreed to compile the Writings and Sources elements. Other substantive elements to include usual contents.

Item 13.4 – Protector's Pen Spring 2020:

47. Simon Blake advised content about Bridgewater and the AGM would be needed. Richard Warren to provide Bridgewater material as to detail, as and when known.

**Action: Richard Warren to provide Bridgewater material as to detail, as and when known.**

48. In discussion it was agreed that the Spring issue would have the usual contents, such as the Editorial, notification of the AGM with relevant logistics detail. As well, in discussion it was agreed that the following items should be included. Note of the Schools' Essay Prize with a pointer to full details on the website. John Goldsmith advised an item needed to go in about Dunbar. In addition, there would be an article about *The London* wreck and a review of Cromwell's House which John Gibbon agreed to write. Given all of the above material, it was felt the Spring issue may run to 20 pages.

49. Apart from the copy of the *Pen* itself, the Spring Mailing should also contain the usual papers relevant to April's AGM. These were, the AGM Agenda, the 2019 AGM Minutes and a Booking form for lunch plus any other papers deemed necessary for inclusion. Agreed all Spring Mailing contents to be confirmed at the January 2020 Meeting.

50. Regarding the deadlines for publication, the following was agreed,

- a. Last date for copy           22 January 20.
- b. Copy to Printers            03 February 20.
- c. Distribution by             21 February 20.

**ITEM 14. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

51. Geoffrey Bush circulated a printed report to the Meeting. This outlined the current situation and recommended action to resolve the issue. He explained that Membership Subscriptions had not been raised for 13 years but ongoing and increasing costs made this prudent to do so at this point.

52. In discussion it was explained that the increases recommended were designed to address both the issue of ongoing increasing costs and also to place the Association in a position of financial stability such that no further review of Membership Subscriptions would be hoped to be required for the next 5 years. It was felt that a review should be at least once every 5 years and on a 5 yearly basis thereafter.

53. The proposed new Membership tariff was as follows,

<u>Membership Type</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Individual membership UK	£20	£27
Individual membership non-UK	£30	£35
Additional Member at same address	£5	£5 (no change)
UK Institution	£30	£40
Foreign Institution	£45	£50
School/College	free	free

Acceptance of the above increase in Membership Subscription tariff was formally proposed by John Goldsmith and seconded by Miranda Malins. On a vote it was passed unanimously.

54. Noted that for payment, use of the Direct Debit facility had been investigated but was not practical for use by the Association. Use of the present Standing Order (SO) payment option was to continue and all Members were to be encouraged to use this. Communication to Members was to be made via the Spring issue of the Pen. The Association website was also to be amended as necessary.

55. Concluding this Item, the following summary of decisions agreed was requested to be placed as a general action on Council for clarity,  
**Action: It was agreed that the next issue of The Protector's Pen should include copy explaining why the subscriptions are increasing, and what the new rates are. It was agreed that as an incentive to encourage members to update their Standing Orders (SO) to the new subscription level, or to take out an SO for the first time, they would be offered a free copy of the Horspool biography. All members who wish to continue to pay annually should be offered the opportunity to buy a copy at a discounted rate.**

#### **ITEM 15. GENDER-FREE TITLES**

56. Richard Warren noted that for clarity Council should ensure that none of its Offices had titles that were gender specific. The only one that might be held not to comply was that of Chairman. On a check with the titles used in the Association's Constitution, John Goldsmith reported that the Constitution defined his role title as "Chair". As such, from now on, all future references to this role would replace "Chairman" by "Chair". Agreed.

#### **ITEM 16. IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREED SPENDING PLANS**

##### Item 16.1 – Postgraduate Research Grant (PRG):

57. Jonathan Fitzgibbons had drawn on a template devised by Ismini Pells for the Society for Army Historical Research for its application procedure for its grants. This template had been re-purposed for the Cromwell Association and a new draft document based on it was circulated to the Meeting for review. This draft document

contained the proposed Rules and Guidance pertaining to the Association's proposed postgraduate research grant.

58. The PRG draft document dealt with the scope and purpose of the research grant, its conditions of eligibility, the level of the grant and the method of application for the grant. In discussion, this draft was amended and the amended version was then approved by Council. Agreed that this amended PRG Rules and Guidance draft document should be reviewed by Peter Gaunt and Patrick Little prior to the January 2020 Council Meeting and a final version of the document created. This final version of the document would then be presented to Council for approval at the January 2020 Meeting.

59. The following was agreed,

- a. The final approved PRG Rules and Guidance document would be put on the Association website.
- b. The PRG document would have a specific email address created for it.
- c. The deadline for all grant applications to be received by would be 31 December 2020.
- d. Applications were to be reviewed by a 3-person Sub-Committee (Jonathan Fitzgibbons, Peter Gaunt and Patrick Little) and the choice of selected candidate was to be recommended for ratification by Council at the January 2021 Council Meeting.

60. Agreed that academics would be approached to publicise this by informing their post-graduate students. Also, agreed a piece about this would be put in the next issue of the *Pen*.

**Action: John Goldsmith to write short piece about the PRG for the next issue (Spring 2020) of the *Pen*.**

Item 16.2 – New Content for Association Website:

61. John Goldsmith reported that Peter Gaunt had sent an email suggesting that the new content include transcriptions of texts of early Cromwell biographies. He advised that obtaining copies of these biographies should be straightforward. He advocated that any biographies included should be augmented by an accompanying commentary.

62. Whilst having an accompanying commentary was felt to be essential, that raised the question of who should write it (or them). Trustees of the charity could not receive payment for this work, although this restriction did not apply to Vice-Presidents. Also confirmed that a budget (capped at £1,000) had been approved to fund this work. Agreed that Peter Gaunt be contacted and informed that his proposal had been approved as above and that he should progress the project.

**Action: Peter Gaunt to be contacted and informed that his proposal for new website content had been approved as above and for him to progress the project.**

63. John Goldsmith reported that Serrie Meakins had suggested that for the Schools' section of the website, Schools should be asked what they wanted as additional content and could be asked to submit Teaching Plans and other material for sharing.

### **ITEM 17. SITES AND MONUMENTS REPORT**

64. In the absence of Ismini Pells, John Goldsmith reviewed a written report provided by her to Council. He thanked her for her full report.

#### **Item 17.1 – St Fagans:**

65. Ismini Pells was making enquiries and liaising with interested parties. She suggested that it could be a possible venue for a future Study Day. John Goldsmith said he would contact her to advise her of to-day's Meeting and to confirm that she should progress the situation.

#### **Item 17.2 – Online Directory of Parliamentary Army Officers:**

66. Ismini Pells had reported that she had received further pieces of information from several sources and had been promised more. The total amount of expected material forthcoming was felt sufficient to commission the Institute of Historical Research (IHR) to update the Directory using one of the two half-days, funded by the Association, for this support work.

#### **Item 17.3 – Postgraduate Research Grant (PRG):**

67. This Item was dealt with above under Item 16.1.

#### **Item 17.4 – Dunbar:**

68. John Goldsmith to pursue if images are available for the next edition of PP.

### **ITEM 18. SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT**

69. Miranda Malins stated there was not a lot to report and nothing negative to report. The Association was slowly increasing its Followers on Facebook and now are well over a thousand.

### **ITEM 19. WEBSITE**

70. John Goldsmith reported that there had been only minor amendments made to the Association website. The 2019 issue of *Cromwelliana* would be put in the Members' area of the website.

71. He requested Council approval to authorise payment to Mike Carrigan for the coming year at the same level as the current year together with an increase of 5%. Mike Carrigan is the IT specialist who does IT work for the Association. Agreed both elements – authorisation of payment and a 5% increase in value.

## **ITEM 20. CROMWELL MUSEUM UPDATE**

72. John Goldsmith reported that Stuart Orme had provided a report by email. Refurbishment was almost fully funded. The re-opening of the Museum had been scheduled for February 2020 and it was hoped to have John Major, the Museum's patron, there to do the re-opening. Stuart Orme wished to thank everybody for all their support and help.

73. There would be previews before the Museum was opened to the public. Stuart Orme had offered one for Association Members subject to a mutually convenient date being agreed.

## **ITEM 21. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

### Item 21.1 – Next Meeting 22 January 2020:

74. The next Council Meeting was confirmed for 1.00pm on Wednesday 22 January 2020 at the City Temple.

### Item 21.2 – Subsequent Spring 2020 (March) Meeting Date:

75. The subsequent Council meeting will be on Tuesday 17 March 2020 at 1.00pm at the City Temple

## **ITEM 22. AOB**

76. There was no other business.

## **ITEM 23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

77. The next Council meeting was scheduled for 1.00pm on Wednesday 22 January 2020 at the City Temple. The meeting closed at 3.50pm.