

Minutes of The Oldway Mansion and Grounds Steering Group (Working Party)

10 October 2023

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Councillor Adam Billings, Councillor Cat Johns, Councillor Barbara Lewis, Councillor Chris Lewis (Chairman) and Councillor Ras Virdee

(Also in attendance: Yvette Ball, David Blanchard, Iris Butler, Councillor Darren Cowell, Alan Denby, Tim Eley, Emma Falconer, Louise Gilson, Kathy Hughes, Mary Jenkins, Jo Jones and Peter Welsby)

Apologies received from Councillor Maddison

365. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14 August were agreed as an accurate record.

366. Matters Arising

Covered in the agenda.

367. Potential programme/time scales

Katherine Findley provided an update to the Working Party on a potential programme to the Project Board.

Alan Denby outlined that there is a bridging project proposal focusing on the Rotunda and the potential for Heritage Enterprise Grant. Cllr C Lewis confirmed it is a priority of this administration for Oldway and to resolve the ongoing issues. The Heritage enterprise funding is a two-phase stage process and there are further investigation works required regarding the Rotunda prior to any decisions being made.

368. Project Directors Update Report

The Working Party received an update from Katherine Findley, Project Manager, regarding the progress of the current resilience project. The master plan is on track and will be sent to Alan Denby next week for further comment prior to submission to Cabinet.

369. Any other business

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Cllr C Lewis congratulated Tim Eley and the Gardens Group on all the awards that they have recently been awarded.

East Tower - Alan Denby explained that there have been remedial works to the East Tower following the identification of serious issues within the structure. There are now some materials that require removal. The area is as secure as possible to try to resolve unauthorised works. Investigations are being carried out on how to preserve the building.

Historic England visit - Katherine Findley updated the Working Party that Historic England will be visiting next week for a site visit to review the banqueting hall and the towers.