

Minutes of the Inaugural meeting of **Scone Remembers** held in Committee Room 2, Scone New Church on Tuesday 23 January 2014 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Rob Burke
Helen Flatley
Frances Halley
Gordon McCracken
Jan Macduff
Robert Macduff-Duncan
Dawn Olsen
Peter Olsen
Elaine Pirie
Lewis Simpson

1 Introductions and welcome

Everyone introduced and gave some information about themselves.

2 Apologies for absence

Sarah Butler, David Dykes, Bob Gillespie, Hugh Mackenzie, Paul Schofield, Rodger Scott

3 Data Protection, sharing of information

Unanimously agreed to share information among ourselves.

4 Scone Woods Vision

Peter outlined the background to the project. He felt that at a meeting of organisations to talk about what they might do to commemorate WW1 many of the ideas were small scale and transitory. Scone Woods did have walks but with the tree felling they have become problematic to walk and impossible for those with disabilities. It was thought a good idea to have memorial walks with notice boards giving information about the local people who died and the battles they died in. It was also suggested that the vegetation in the area of the battles could be replicated in the woods. The Scone Roll of Honour lists the names of those who died and where they came from. The memorial walks would be a more permanent commemoration of a war we should not forget.

This is an opportunity for the whole village to participate, to research their family histories. Scone in Australia is also interested.

There is to be a meeting with the Countryside Commission to get an idea of the costs involved. Clearing the paths will be done professionally and the work will have to be tendered. Scone Estates will work with whoever gets the work.

5 Confirmation of Executive Officers

It was agreed that the following be confirmed Executive Officers:

Chairman	Peter Olsen	Executive Member	Hugh Mackenzie
Secretary	Helen Flatley	Executive Member	Rodger Scott
Treasurer	Frances Halley		

There are still two vacancies.

6 Adoption of Constitution

The draft constitution was discussed and amended. The independent examiner of the accounts will be Derek Mitchell, CTA. At this point we also discussed the advantages of being registered with the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator. Some funders insist on applicants being registered charities, it also means people can Gift Aid donations and it has an effect on VAT. The requirements of being registered are not onerous.

It was agreed that amended copies will be sent to members and will allow for any amendments required by the OSCR.

7 Individual Roles

- i **Media Coordinator** - Bill Farquhar was suggested as well as other creative writers. Jan to contact Ian Stevens. It would be good to have photographers too.
- ii **Legal** - Robert Macduff-Duncan will oversee legal matters.
- iii **Fundraising** - everybody will be involved. Dawn has applied for start-up funding. We will be applying for major funding, Janet Weatherall also has experience.

At this point fund raising was discussed further. Jan reported that the Co-op had been in touch with her and would like to get involved. Jan also to contact Leslie Mackie to see if she would help raise money for Scone Remembers. SSE, Aviva and many of the banks allow staff to take time off to work with a charity. Jan has an application form. John Somerville from Perth in Bloom has offered to help. Mike Moir is on board with Destiny.

- iv **Administration** - Dawn and Jan to coordinate.
- v **External relations** - Janet Weatherall of 50+ group has contacts.
- vi **Scone Estates Coordinator** - Peter
- vii **Perth & Kinross Council Coordinator** - Lewis Simpson and High Mackenzie
- viii **Website** - Rob is willing to do the website

Peter is to speak to the Historical Society next month and Elaine or Bill will attend with him. He will also speak to the 50+ group. There are also old church records that can be accessed. Elaine and Bill to coordinate background history.

Donald McKerracher will be a useful contact, he has drawn some plans.

Individual roles are fluid.

8 Charity application - already discussed under item 6.

9 Treasurer's Account - has been opened with the Bank of Scotland.

10 WW1 commemoration event

This event is being held on 31 January, 10am-12pm at the Black Watch Museum. Those wishing to attend need to book.

11 Next Steps

A feasibility study will be carried out. We have a verbal agreement with Scone Estates regarding the woods but need a written agreement as soon as possible. Scone Estates will carry out a good deal of the work in lieu of money.

12 Next meeting

Wednesday 12 March at 7.00pm