

## Minutes

### TTA Management Committee Meeting Thursday 20th December 2018 7pm, Hougham and Marston Village Hall, Bridge Street, NG32 2JQ

#### Attendees:

Sandra Allen  
Tim Found  
Mel Gardner  
Stephen Manuel  
Rob Morley  
Kevin O'Sullivan  
Ian Tyler  
Mike Allen  
Marvin Symes  
Graham Bird

#### Apologies:

Stuart Vickers  
Melanie Ellerington  
Paul Mann  
Jason Scott  
Fran Stephens

- 1) Presentation by Marvin Symes and Graham Bird on Can Do Communities CIC. Marvin and Graham gave information about their company and how they will help groups find funding. They are very experienced with the Big Lottery "Awards for All" scheme and claimed they were successful with 95% of their applications. They work largely with Village Halls and other community buildings and have little experience with pubs. They felt that getting large grants was likely to be unsuccessful but felt they could easily get us £10,000 under "Awards for All". They seem to get their money by supplying the items the grant covers from their own contacts and make up to 10% of the total costs (primarily kitchens). They also made some suggestions regarding splitting aspects of The Thorold (e.g. the shop or pensioners lunches or school meals) into separate entities, ideally CICs. This would enable us to apply for multiple "Awards for All" grants simultaneously (or at least in the same year). TTA would need to check the constitution and all conditions on the Plunket grant and Key Fund loan to see if such activity was allowed. Marvin and Graham answered a range of questions and left at 8pm.
- 2) Update on actions from the previous meeting:
  - a) Job advert for management couple. **SA/RM** reported that there had been 27 applications although the majority were not from couples and/or had little or no real experience. The job advert runs until 28<sup>th</sup> December. Shortly after this **SA, RM, TF and FS** will review all applicants and make recommendations for way forward.
  - b) We had received a proposal from Carlsberg but all were agreed that conditions would be challenging and it was agreed to leave this open at present.
  - c) Fund raising: Fund-raising team (SA, SM, MA) now meeting weekly.
  - d) Works Loan to assist with the pub renovation. **IT/RM** will take this to Marston Parish Council at their first meeting in January (3<sup>rd</sup>) to get their view, and hopefully, support.
  - e) Update regarding proposed interior layout. **PM** had contacted architect and would report back to next meeting.

- 2) Fund raising: **SA/MA/SM**. The group had made good progress in discussions with The Big Lottery Fund, SKDC, ASDA and others. Grant applications had been submitted to LNER, Screwfix Foundation, Lincolnshire Co-op, Bernard Sunley Foundation. The following will be submitted in January: ASDA Foundation, SKDC Community Development Fund, Pocket Parks Plus, Princes Countryside Trust, InvestSK Heritage Intervention and Heritage Interpretation Fund (with Hougham and Marston History Group?), Lottery SK and The Big Lottery Awards for All. We are awaiting feedback from the Big Lottery "Reaching Communities" to see if we can submit a full application.

We also need to follow up with Lincolnshire Community Foundation, Evan Cornish Foundation, Dulverston Trust, Greggs Foundation, Postcode Community Lottery, The Tudor Trust, new Power to Change Grant and Community Shares/Booster.

A number of the grants are for relatively small amounts £1-5K and often need 3 quotes for each. Altogether current grant application are for ~ £500,000 as most now have success rates of less than 25%.

- 3) Discussions with kitchen fitter. **RM/SA** had met with Hatherley Commercial Services Ltd Newark. The supply and maintain catering equipment and will provide a design for our approval and then a quote. Can supply refurbished equipment or new and have an installation service. Hope to have a designed before January meeting.
- 4) Working parties. Volunteers had worked in the pub on 2 occasions to strip wall-paper upstairs. Will need additional sessions to complete and do downstairs.
- 5) Any other business:

Questionnaires: We need to have updated input from the community on what they want the pub to provide.

**IT** to prepare a document for Together magazine, circulation via HAMES and to send out to shareholders and supporters – ideally to meet 15<sup>th</sup> January deadline.

**SA** to send out note regarding Pocket Parks and to get feed-back from villagers.

Needed ASAP as closing date for application is 15<sup>th</sup> January.

The meeting closed at 9pm.