**ELC and Battle of Prestonpans [1745] Heritage Trust meeting about events in 2017 and Prestongrange project**

Agenda: (as set by BPHT)

1. Taskforce mandate and membership
2. Memorandum of understanding/consensus workshop notes
3. Battle Trust 1745 use of the Bathhouse and construction of the new Prestonpans 1745 Battle Tapestry Pavilion
4. East Lothian Council’s Master Plan for the whole site ensuring an holistic approach
5. BarkerLangham preparation of the round 1 application and HLF initial response
6. Community consultation procedures
7. Funding round one and beyond
8. 2017 as Event Scotland’s year of Heritage, History and Archaeology
9. Schedule of future meetings to meet application deadline
10. AOB

In attendance: Kate Maynard, Jon Brown, Andy Robertson all for ELC. Dr Gordon Prestoungrange & Arran Johnston for the BPHT

1. **Taskforce mandate and membership**

GP introduced the meeting and gave a summary of where things are in relation to the wider project at Prestongrange and the 2017 proposal (cycle of battle re-enactments).

Membership of the group to take these 2 connected strands of work forward were discussed. With relation to 2017 Three Battles Cycle the working group would be as follows:

For ELC: Susan Smith, Jon Brown, Myra Galloway, Kate Maynard, Andy Robertson and others as necessary/required

For BPHT & Scottish Battlefields Trust [SBT]: Arran Johnston

With relation to the wider project in relation to Prestongrange the working group would be:

For ELC: Cllr Willie Innes, Cllr Tim Day, Myra Galloway, Susan Smith, Kate Maynard, Andy Robertson and others as necessary/required

For BPHT: Dr G. Prestoungrange, Arran Johnston, Gareth Bryn-Jones, Herbert Coutts

For Barker Langham: Darren Barker and Fiona King

There was a limited discussion around the mandate for the group as drafted by BPHT. ***ELC Officers to discuss the mandate with Managers and Elected Members. BPHT would like approval for the mandate from ELC as soon as possible.***

1. **Memorandum of understanding/consensus workshop notes**

BPHT would like the MoU to be signed off soon in order to be able to submit an HLF application by Feb 2016. ***AJ to send the most up to date copy to KM to circulate (as above) for discussion and further consideration by ELC***.

1. **Battle Trust 1745 use of the Bathhouse and construction of the new Prestonpans 1745 Battle Tapestry Pavilion**

Discussion about Tapestry Pavilion. AR reiterated that ELC has to take the view that the reuse of an old building is preferable to a new building (in relation to the reuse of the Baths). AR requested further discussion about the form of any new build on the site. GP agreed that this could be discussed as the form is not fixed. KM reminded the group that any development proposal for the Baths would need to consider and propose a solution to the location of the locomotives and other rolling stock currently stored there.

1. **East Lothian Council’s Master Plan for the whole site ensuring a holistic approach**.

BPHT believe it is necessary that ELC take a view on the whole site at Prestongrange whilst they progress the HLF application for the tapestry pavilion, as the rest of the site needs maintenance and upgrading. They would like to see this work progressing by 2017. ***ELC Officers to raise this with Managers/Elected Members and to update BPHT through the taskforce meetings.***

1. **BarkerLangham preparation of the round 1 application and HLF initial response**

GP updated on the work required to complete the HLF round 1 application and that BarkerLangham would be undertaking this work for BPHT. GP referred to the £10,000 in kind support they had requested from ELC and their hope that this would be found by reduced rent on an office/workshop space. This would be the ELC contribution to the £25,000 + VAT needed by BarkerLangham to develop the HLF stage 1 application. ***KM to raise with Myra Galloway.***

1. **Community consultation procedures**

BarkerLangham (Fiona King) will be undertaking some consultation at the re-enactments over the weekend of 19/20 September.

Further consultation will be needed and ELC will be involved in this.

1. **Funding round one and beyond**

BPHT will raise £2m via a formal Campaign and the rest they propose to apply to HLF for grant funding for. BPHT have raised £125,000 already.

1. **2017 as Event Scotland’s year of Heritage, History and Archaeology**

BPHT are in the process of pulling together a rolling programme of battle re-enactments (Dunbar, Pinkie and Prestonpans) from 2016. They are planning to apply to Event Scotland for money towards promoting this in 2017 and as a National Event. This would specifically include Food and Drink in association with the East Lothian Group. JB requested more information from the BPHT about the events particularly in relation to planning and health and safety & discussed arranging a separate meeting about this. AJ requested a separate meeting with AR about research in relation to this project including updating on what ELC has already conducted.

GP updated that 2017 will also see the return of the Diaspora Tapestry to the UK from its world tour with a potential display in Westminster Hall in London. It will return to Scotland for the 3 Harbours Arts Festival and a display in central Edinburgh. There will be additional panels celebrating further diaspora as stitched and researched by school children after a competition run with Education Scotland.

GP suggested that the Year of HHA would be a good opportunity to have some sort of archaeology outreach project on the site, potentially linked to the development of the Tapestry Pavilion. AR said that this would require detailed discussion due to the need to undertake professional archaeology as part of the statutory planning and development process and the unsuitability of the Prestongrange site for community archaeology. GP suggested this could simply be a chance to observe the archaeology happening on site.

Update from AJ about a project with the Scottish Battlefields Trust to raise awareness of battle sites and their inventory of each site. AJ linking into this particularly in relation to Dunbar 1&2.

1. **Schedule of future meetings to meet application deadline**

Fiona King and Darren Barker would be in touch in the coming weeks to suggest October dates for the next meeting and to report progress once political approvals of mandate at 1. above received.