**Clock Tower Reparation & Restoration Committee**

**20th May 2025**

**Council Chamber**

**6.30pm - 8.30pm**

**Minutes**

**Attendees: Cllrs. Beard, Penny, Elsmore, & Laura-Jade Schroeder (Town Clerk)**

 **Oliver Forsyth, DHVA (via ‘Zoom’)**

1. **There were apologies from Cllrs P Kay, R Dix and A Fullerton**
2. **There were no declarations of interest**
3. **There were no dispensation requests**
4. **The minutes of 21st January 2025 were proposed (CE), seconded (NP) and unanimously agreed.**

**Cllr. M Beard signed a copy of the minutes, as a true record.**

1. **To raise matters arising from the Minutes of 21st January 2025**

Cllr Penny wanted to thank the office for dealing with the war memorial ahead of VE day.

1. **To take comments from the Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

1. **To receive update on progress re: funding, and agree next steps**

Breaking down modular jobs to each be self-contained, and to have a price for each. Think of things cleverly that can be packaged together. If we identify a package of work, we could then put into the budget, when budgeting over multiple years. We need Oliver to break it into things that can be practically done. Oliver suggested doing it on items to make building weather tight before addressing internally, so don’t need to re-do items later on. These will be bigger costs initially, e.g. roof, pointing repairs, windows. Oliver to produce that breakdown.

Architectural Heritage Fund and Heritage Revival Fund – worth EOI – October deadline for main application. Worth up to £350k. Architectural Heritage used to be loan basis, low interest rate, rather than a grant. Oliver to review current status of funding.

Small amount from lottery, other package deal funding and precept is probably the only way we can fund this.

Historic England meeting – Cllr M Cox can update on this, as she was part of that meeting.

**Meeting ended 18:58pm**