

Brampton Preservation Trust

Draft Minutes of COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT MEETING 12th November 2025

At 7 pm at David Moorat's home

Present: Tim Cheetham, Maks Loth-Hill, David Moorat, Susie Davies, Val Doughty, Helen Handley

Apologies: Nick Davis, Lily Hopkins; Jill Raine, Pam & Paul Cronin

1. WELCOME

Tim Cheetham thanked those in attendance at the Brampton Preservation Trust Council of Management meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as an accurate record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Maintenance Update about the Community Payback team

Community Payback team to take the gates for painting.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

TC read the treasurer's update in ND's absence.

5. CHURCH MAINTENANCE

5.1 The woodworm issue was discussed. Starling has been contacted, and the survey outcome is awaited.

Action – Await outcome of Woodworm assessment

5.2 Cleaning rota has commenced, with slots booked up to December. Val Doughty agreed to cover January, and Helen Handley agreed to cover February.

Action – SD to get a ledger for cleaning and checking, and leave it in the church

5.3 The little window in the church still needs to be cleaned

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Use of the Church for weddings and celebrations of weddings was discussed. TC has discussed with Trish from St Martin's. The church is not consecrated and therefore cannot be used for weddings. There have been some emails following an enquiry about whether the Church is consecrated,

6.2 A list of possible grants that might be available to us has been provided. Examples include the National Churches Trust, which offers small grants; the Architectural Heritage Fund; the Cumbria Community Foundation; and the William Milburn Trust. Other organisations may also have funding opportunities.

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6.3 Discussion took place about contacting Frank Giecco, an archaeologist, who lives in Brampton. A discussion took place about whether he may be interested in assessing the gravestone near the church.

Action – Val Doughty to contact Frank Giecco

6.4 Interpretation Panel – discussions took place about the Interpretation Panel. DM presented his ideas about what should be included in an interpretative panel. Agreed, we should have a shared document to bounce ideas about what should be included in the interpretative panel, including text and imagery. Discussed the possibility of using digital modelling to recreate what the church looked like in the past. Discussed an interpretative panel of about 1110 mm by 760 mm. Content needs to be developed.

The old interpretation panel was shared and reviewed. Discussed creating a panel that showed the evolution of the Church over the years, rather than focusing on 'Roman soldiers', which is on the old panel. Also consider including the social history of the gravestones/church, and churchyard. By the next meeting, aim to have everyone's views captured in 3-4 bullet points on what they would like on the panel.

Action - SD to share a Padlet document for everyone to add their comments and ideas about what should be included in the new Interpretation Panel

6.5 Future Meeting dates – Meeting dates up to May agreed.

1. Wednesday 12th January at 7pm at David Moorat's home
2. Thursday 12th March at 7pm at David Moorat's home
3. Wednesday 13th May at 7pm – venue TBC (? Old Church)

Date & time of next meeting – Wednesday 12th January 2026 at 7pm at David Moorat's house.