

# **Brampton Preservation Trust**

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## **Draft Minutes of COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

At 7 pm at David Moorat's home

**Present:** Tim Cheetham, David Moorat, Nick Davis, Val Doughty, Helen Handley, Brittany Warren, Chris Brown & Susie Davies

**Apologies:** 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**

Church gates are with the Community Payback team for painting. Awaiting return of gates

### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

ND presented treasurers report.

### **5. CHURCH MAINTENANCE**

**5.1** Starling to complete woodworm work.

**Action** – TC to deal with Starling

### **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**6.1 Interpretation Panel** – discussions about the Interpretation Panel took place with the feedback from the Padlet shared and discussed.

TC provided information ideas for 4 paragraphs & shared an example of the Brampton Old Church site and outline of the roman fort.

Particular headstones of interest were also discussed, as a concept that the graveyard is a window on the social history of Brampton. Discussion took place about 4 headstones of interest.

The meeting also considered and discussed, including the sketch of the original church as part of the imagery. The building we see now is the chancel of the original church. The meeting members also reviewed the Cumbria Photobank and identified an image of the church covered in ivy which may be suitable for the interpretation panel.

Suggested layout - First paragraph is about the Roman Fort - Second paragraph is the Christian Church. The third paragraph is about Brampton connections – two theories

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**Action** - Padlet document to be continued after meeting to develop the content for the Interpretation Panel clearly. Decision re final content to be made at the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**6.2** ND fed back about conversation with Frank Giecco – past survey has shown very little development, so probably not interested in further work related to the church. However, there was a bathhouse near the fort, which Frank suggests may need further investigation. Discussions to continue

**6.3** There was a discussion about signage for the Old Church. There is no brown tourist sign. There is a white sign. BW suggested we continue the momentum of previous open evenings.

**6.4** DM suggested that St Martins oak doesn't have a label and we should look into whether this is possible

**6.5** Future Meeting dates –

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

**Date & time of next meeting – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm at David Moorat's house.**