

## **We Are Bristol History Commission – Meeting Summary**

**Time and Place:** 15:00-16:30, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Zoom

**Attending:** Tim Cole, Nigel Costley, Joanna Burch-Brown, Estella Tincknell and officers.

**Guests:** Officers, external guest of Joanna Burch-Brown

**Apologies:** Madge Dresser, Edson Burton, Shawn Sobers, Steve Poole

### **Welcome and apologies**

- Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies.

### **Introduction and update from new interim Head of Culture**

- Chair invited attendees to introduce themselves to Interim Head of Culture at BCC, who introduced himself to the group and explained his background and the objectives of his role.

### **Update on the M Shed Colston display from officers**

- Update on current funding situation for the museum display and reaffirmed commitment to progressing the exhibition and developing the display over the next 3 years including options for funding.
- Feedback on detailed consultation responses and how can inform the development of display.
- JBB suggested exploring a membership of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience and recommended visiting International Slavery Museum in Liverpool.
- Commissioners pleased with positive updates and on board with museum service's ideas for the display.
- Chair reiterated support from Commission to seek funding through universities.

**ACTION:** Officers to share the details of ACE funding

### **Update on the status of the statue**

- An officer updated on regularisation ('delisting') of the listed statue and plinth and noted officers are meeting with HE next month to discuss the way forward.
- Chair asked for an update on the development of the new plaque for the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Officers to report back on plaque.

### **Update on Bridging Histories**

- JBB updated on Bridging Histories and ongoing projects including UnicornFest and their summer school which will be partly run with St Pauls Carnival this year and work on oral histories for Avon & Somerset Police.
- JBB noted that BH is becoming a social enterprise.
- London have also picked up the project with support of Mayor of London.
- Officers keen to spotlight Bridging Histories work with schools.
- Request that museum service could be the final repository for ASP oral history project to build relationships with communities.

- ET noted that her and SS led a research project on spoken memories and exhibition in Central Library launching on 5<sup>th</sup> May. Offered to donate research to museum once exhibition finishes.

**ACTION:** Officers to share permissions policy from museums with relevant commissioners

**ACTION:** JBB and officers to discuss museum's role in ASP oral histories project

**ACTION:** ET to share invite to launch event

#### **Tteach Plaque nomination discussion**

- TC explained the background to the project.
- Commissioners discussed the merits and concerns around the projects and the particular angle of commemoration.
- Chair will nominate the Pinney brothers in connection with BCC-owned Georgian house and Old Council House.
- Officers will update on an upcoming meeting at UCL on commemorating slave trade and will report back.

#### **AOB**

- Commissioners discussed future working with Legacy Steering Group regarding eventual transition to their developing work programme. To invite them to a future meeting or chairs to meet.

**ACTION:** TC and Chair of LSG to meet