

Report to Council

Joint Arrangements and External Organisations

Subject: The Royal Gunpowder Mills

Date: 29 October 2020

Chairman: Councillor H Kane

As you are all aware, the Royal Gunpowder Mills site is currently closed and as we approach the second wave of Covid-19 with further restrictions it will remain closed until next year.

Nevertheless, the trustees have not been inactive during this time and it is with great pleasure that I can announce their successful bid of £104,000 from the Government's Cultural Recovery Fund, to assist them with heritage projects. The funds need to be spent by March 2021 and the trustees are very busy preparing and submitting different plans/projects, as these plans/projects have to be approved first before any of the money is released. There will be a national press release soon.

I am in communication with the Chairman of the RGM, who informs me that they are looking for volunteers with an engineering or gardening/botanical background, people in these fields that have retired and are willing to offer their expertise to the RGM. If anyone is interested, and has expertise in these areas, please let me know and I can put you in touch with the Chairman of the RGM.

As soon as there is any further news, I will advise Members by submitting a report to the Bulletin or to the next Council meeting.