

REPORT ON WALTHAM ABBEY ROYAL GUNPOWDER MILLS COMPANY MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES

Meeting of the trustees in the Walton House meeting room on the 17th of June 2017.

In my last report, I gave the members the latest information regarding the PGL/Foundation appeal. The appeal has been withdrawn and the Operating Company has put different Plans for the future of the WARGM.

There has also been a common understanding for the formation of a working group with members from both the Foundation and the Operating Companies in order to discuss and agree proposals for long and short-term business plans.

The site -wide plan will be compliant with the Local (EFDC) plan, National Planning Policy Framework, Green belt and Landscape regulations, Listed Building, SSSI and Conservation Area policies, as well as regional strategies for tourism, enterprise, training and education. In this way investment and strategic partnerships, grant-givers and wider stakeholders can be identified, thus ensuring long-term support and sustainability.

A variety of new uses might be accommodated in areas of the site. Future plans could include a small-scale holiday camp, rental of several buildings; examples might include scientific uses such as research, training for heritage and conservation, educational/museum/leisure accommodation etc.

The WARGM site has proven significant value already as a film and photoshoot location, so it is important that this continues. It is with great pleasure that my report reflects the positive activity and thoughts discussed in the recent meeting.

I have passed my warmest wishes and the members' wishes as the WARGM and the Foundation are looking forward to the future in such a positive way.

I will keep reporting to the members of any progress of any future plans.

Cllr Helen Kane