

Madeley Living History Project

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Madeley Living History Project held on Thursday, September 11th 2014 at Jubilee House, Madeley, and commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Management Committee members: Jonathan Lloyd (chairman), Janet Doody (treasurer) Steve Leggett, Veronica Jubb, Councillor Sue Taylor.
Others: A. Pooler, R.Pooler, B.Taylor, J. Taylor, D.Anstey, J.Anstey, S. Beech, D.Parton, A.Dewhurst, Dewhurst, J.Baker, C.Thompson, B. Whittle.

Andy Rose Regeneration Officer (Madeley Town Council).
 Richard Bifield

13/01. Apologies for Absence

Councillor G. Green, J Corrock, G Foden, Rev Alan Walden, Kath Petty, Shelagh Hampton.

13/02. Minutes of the Previous Meeting Resolved

That the minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting held on Monday, September 9th, 2013 be confirmed and approved.

13/03. Matters Arising

None.

13/04. Chairman's report

- Madeley History Group continues to meet on a Tuesday morning. The Group has been working with Shelagh Hampton on articles for a **special hundredth edition of Madeley Matters** with funding from the Lottery. This was published in August and has been very well received by local people. Maggie Humphry was appointed to run workshops in local schools to work up designs to use in the special edition. Four local primary schools (St Mary's, John Randall, John Fletcher and William Reynolds) took part in the project. 6 designs were chosen for use in the magazine. All the entries were on display in Madeley library.
- Members of the Group have also worked on another HLF funded project entitled "**Telford Our New Town: A Digital Archive**" led by Telford & Wrekin Council. This project aimed to identify photographs from the TDC Archive collection held at Shropshire Archives. The photographs have now been made available on digital tables in the new Southwater Library.

- Members of the Group have also supported the **Past Lives Project** which was organised by IGMT. Madeley hosted a workshop in May where local people were invited to bring along old cine film and other material. At this meeting a local family offered to loan a Madeley Wood Company banner to the Town Council. This is being restored by a specialist conservator and will be put on display in Jubilee House reception.
- The LHP has also supported the Nine Men of Madeley community heritage project that commemorates the 150th anniversary of the local pit disaster. The project involves community performances of a new play, a new heritage trail leaflet based around the lives of the nine men and a website (www.ninememen.org). Six plaques are also to be erected at the main points of interest along the trail.
- Work continues on pulling together funding bids for Madeley Music Project to carry out internal refurbishment works at Lumley Hall. £50k that has been earmarked by Madeley Partnership towards the project and another bid is due to be made to Veolia once certain issues are sorted out, including a management committee and lease. A business advisor is due to meet with group members to advise on how MMP could be structured.
- The Town Council has made a bid to acquire the Anstice Memorial club. This is currently being considered.
- In partnership with Telford & Wrekin Council, the Town Council has made bids to Veolia and Madeley Partnership for grant monies to refurbish Russell square & the war memorial. The project was prompted by the desire to upgrade the civic space around the war memorial where a commemorative stone for Major Yate, a local man who was awarded the Victoria Cross in WW1, is due to be installed. The paving stone is currently on temporary display in the reception. The Town Council funded a local landscape architect to prepare a scheme. The scheme went out to public consultation and was favourably received.
- Telford Springfield Christian Fellowship has taken a 6 month licence of Fletcher Memorial Church whilst they look to purchase it. Pleased that the building remains in use for religious purposes.
- The LHP has been giving some thought to projects for next year. A meeting is due to be held on the 23rd September to discuss potential projects to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Thomas Parker. It is also the 200th anniversary of the death of Mary Fletcher in December 2015.
- Thank you to all committee members and to members of the Tuesday History Group, Madeley Town Council and all other supporters who work so hard to make the project a success. Best wishes to Sandy Pledger and Paul Belford who have had to stand down as Management Committee reps. Also thanks to Janet Doody who he understood was standing down as treasurer of the LHP after several years of service. Pleased that Janet is able to remain on the Management Committee as a community member.

Dates for your diaries

- **Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Festival (20th September 12pm to 5pm)**. Includes the premier of Past Lives at Enginuity museum **6.30 pm start** (pick up a leaflet – booking necessary)
- **Nine Men of Madeley Community play (27th September 12.00 pm, 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm** at St Michael's church

- **Nine men of Madeley 150th anniversary commemoration service (28th September 6.30 pm)** at St Michael's including first performance by Temponilla of a new anthem by David Fisher.

13/05

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported a mixed year but with an end of year balance at bank of **£3,097.08**.

The calendar had not sold as well as expected. But monies had been recouped from the sale of the dvds. John Corrock was thanked for his efforts in producing the dvds of old photographs.

Janet confirmed that she would like to stand down as treasurer due to other commitments. It was noted that Madeley Town Council had agreed to take over management of the LHP account. It provides this service for a number of local community groups. All cheques would still need to be signed by two LHP reps.

Resolved

That Madeley Town Council takes over responsibility for management of the LHP account

13/06

Election of Management Committee

The Chair read out the list of those committee members who are the nominated representatives of partner organisations: -

- Madeley Town Council – **Cllrs Gill Green & Sue Taylor**
- Madeley History Group – **Steven Leggett & Veronica Jubb**
- Telford & Wrekin – vacancy
- IGMT – vacancy.

There is provision for nine community representatives on the management committee. Four nominations had been received before the meeting. One further nomination was received at the meeting. All five reps were therefore appointed.

Resolved:

The following five community representatives were elected.

Jonathan Lloyd

Janet Doody

Rev. Keith Osmund Smith

Grant Foden

Robert Pooler

13/07

Any other business

None raised

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Signed.....

Dated.....