

Madeley History Group

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Madeley History Group held on
Thursday, January 16th 2020 at Jubilee House, Madeley, and commencing at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: **Management Committee members, Grant Foden (chairman), Councillor Sue Taylor, David Woolley.**
Others: Charlie Boyce, Alan Jones., Gill Green.
Andy Rose Regeneration Officer (Madeley Town Council).

Apologies for Absence
Councillor Robin Coates
John Corrock.

17/01. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

No comments.

Resolved

That the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, December 6th 2018 be confirmed and approved.

17/02. Matters Arising

None.

17/03. Chairman's report

- 2019 has been a busy year for MHG. The first thing I should report is that since the last AGM, we have changed our name from Madeley Living History Project to Madeley History Group. We did this as part of our ongoing efforts to improve the general public's awareness of what we do and to encourage more to get involved.
- Madeley History Group continues to meet every Tuesday at 10am here at Jubilee House. The group has gone from strength to strength this year and numbers attending are regularly between 15 and 25. The group explore the history of our town and surrounding area predominantly though historic photographs and video. I must thank John Corrock who cannot be here this evening for continuing to ensure there is something new every week for the group to explore. I must also thank David Woolley and Alan Jones who regularly contribute new finds.
- In May we ran our main public event of the year. History on your Doorstep – looking at two fascinating streets in our Town: Prince street and Station Road. The event was a resounding success with over 110 people attending. We eventually had to close the doors and turn a significant number of people away as we simply couldn't fit them in. The feedback received was excellent – so much so that we ran the event a second time in September when a further 70 people attended. I would like to thank all those who attended and demonstrated there is interest in Madeley's history. I'd particularly like to thank the speakers; Alan Jones, Janet Doody & Charlie Boyce as well as John Corrock and David Woolley who posted leaflets, put up posters and generally helped organise the events. I would also like to thank Madeley Town Council who hosted the first event in May and who helped with publicity as well as Madeley Rest Room who hosted the second event in September

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- In June MHG took part in the wider Wrekin Local Studies Forum season “History on Foot”. Neil Clarke led a fascinating walk along the remains of Madeley’s canals and railways. Despite the weather being less than kind to us, it was very well attended with nearly 30 people joining. Neil did an excellent job of explaining the route and history of the Coalport Branch of the Shropshire Canal and the later LNWR branch which largely followed the route of the earlier canal. Even those of us who know the area very well learnt a great deal. Many thanks to Neil.
- Madeley History Group had a presence at several public events over the summer.
 - July St Michael’s Church annual Fete
 - September Lawley & Overdale History Day
 - September as part of the Festival of the Imagination, we had a stand hosted by Ironbridge Coracle Trust

Interest and numbers of visitors varied but some good contacts were made.

- Over the past few months, MHG has been working closely with Madeley Town Council and the Anstice Community Trust to ensure that Madeley’s history is part of the celebrations marking the reopening of The Anstice next month. There will be a temporary exhibition showing the history of the Anstice family and the Anstice Memorial Hall as well as a permanent photographic exhibition showing some of the best images of Madeley’s past
- During 2019 I have worked with Telford & Wrekin Council and Cllr. Carolyn Healy who is T&W Cabinet Member for Visitor Economy and The World Heritage Site to highlight the precarious state of Upper House, one of Madeley’s most important historic buildings. Renovation works started in early Autumn 2019 and are ongoing – albeit at a very slow pace. There is as yet no clear understanding of the owner’s intentions for the building so we will continue to keep raising questions as appropriate.
- MHG continues to be a member of Wrekin Local Studies Forum and during 2019 I have represented MHG at WLSF meetings. At the start of 2019 I took a proposal to WLSF to continue the work we started in cataloguing, digitising and making publicly available the Madeley section of the vast TDC Photographic Archive held by Shropshire Archives. I’m pleased to report that WLSF have taken up this proposal. A small sub-group has been formed to write and submit a Heritage Fund (Lottery) bid for £55,000 of funding towards this exciting project. If successful, the project will require match funding of around £5,000 which we aim to raise from local groups, town, parish and borough councils. It will be a huge job – there are 15,000 images in the collection. We aim to submit the bid in late Spring following a public consultation designed to gain support for the bid. Watch this space...

17/04 Treasurer’s report

The Treasurer reported an end of financial year balance at bank of **£2,338.12**. There had expenditure covering expenses for LHP events, membership subscriptions and the framing of two pictures donated to the group by the Whittle family.

17/05 2020 Events

No report as first Committee meeting was planned to follow on straight after the AGM.

17/06 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 Robin Coates & Sue Taylor**
- Madeley History Group – **John Corrock & Dave Woolley.**
- Telford & Wrekin – vacancy

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- IGMT – vacancy.

There is provision for nine community representatives on the management committee. Four nominations had been received before the meeting. No further nomination was put forward at the meeting.

Resolved:

The following community representatives were elected.

- Gill Green**
- Charlie Boyce**
- Grant Foden**
- Alan Jones**

It was reported that if Rob Pooler wished to attend future meetings he could be co-opted back onto the Committee.

Jonathan Lloyd had previously announced his retirement.

17/07 Any other business

None.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.55 pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

