

Madeley Living History Project
Minutes of Management Committee 28th February 2019, 6.30pm
Jubilee House

Present: Grant Foden (GF), Cllr. Gill Green (GG), Cllr Sue Taylor (ST), John Corrock (JC), Cllr. Robin Coates (RC), Dave Woolley (DW).

In Attendance: Andy Rose (AR)

Apologies: Jonathan Lloyd (JL).

2 Minutes of the last meeting on 6th September 2018

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

None.

4 Treasurer's Report:

Report was tabled (see attached). Balance was **£2,338.12**.

5 Update on Madeley Town Council Projects:

5i: Anstice Hall:

Pave-aways Ltd have been appointed to carry out the refurbishment of the Anstice Hall. Total cost of project £1.2 million. Grants secured from Power to Change and Veolia. The Town Council authorised to take out a loan from the Public Works Board.

The project will start of the 25th March. Given a 27 week contract it will be completed by the 27th September.

Work has been progressed by Crofts on the restoration of the porch. Only the re-pointing of the stone and brickwork and painting the cornice and emblem remain to be done.

A Building manager is about to be appointed by ACT. We will need to liaise with the selected candidate over the heritage project that is to be planned for the Anstice in October. Initial 3-year contract funded by Power to Change grant.

5ii St Michael's churchyard

No heritage projects this year planned for St Michaels. A management plan is being prepared for the churchyard. Nature Conservation projects are planned for later in the year, including installation of bird boxes.

6 Update on Madeley History Group projects.

6i Madeley Streets and Houses - 18th May 2019

At the last sub group meeting on the **26th February**, **GF** reported that good progress had been made by the two groups set up to research Station Road and Prince Street. They are confident that enough material will be available to fill the photographic slideshow and prepare any exhibition.

Next meeting of the sub group is the **2nd April (12-1)**. This is to allow time to submit items for Madeley Matters by the **15th April** which is then due out on the **1st May**.

AR agreed to produce flyers which will be hand delivered to the houses in the selected streets.

AR reported that a grant bid had been made to Telford & Wrekin Council for a Telford @50 event grant to the sum of **£499**. This will contribute towards the cost of a new projector & screen. The old projector is not very effective in daylight. The Living History Project needs to provide matched funding of **£83**. This can then be used for future projects and by other community groups based at Jubilee House. Apologies that the request is retrospective but the grant had to be submitted by the 25th February.

Resolution

That the Living History Project contributes **£83** towards the purchase of a projector and screen.

7 Public Presence

It was acknowledged that not much progress had been made since this matter was discussed at the Events Group on the **15th November**. **GF** had issued a revised note after the meeting (copy attached). Because of illness **GF** could not raise this matter at the AGM and the early part of this year has been focused on the May event.

It was agreed that a sub group would be formed to look at the public presence of the Project, including branding, social media, publicity etc. **JC** will ask if anyone from the Tuesday Group wants to be involved. **GG** offered to be involved.

AR will follow up with University of Wolverhampton re potential student project.

8 Any Other Business

GF attended the Wrekin Local Studies Forum meeting on the **16th January** with **AR** to find out more about other local Telford history groups and specifically raise the issue of the TDC photo archive.

There was a very positive discussion on the TDC archive and it was agreed to set up a sub group to examine the matter in more detail. The first meeting of the sub group took place in Madeley on the **18th February (note attached)**.

Mary McKenzie has confirmed there are 26 large boxes of TDC photos plus boxes of slides and negatives. It has been agreed that the sub group will go over to Shropshire archives on the **26th March** to go through the boxes to assess the scale of the archive. **GF** will report back after that session.

9. Events Programme 2019 update

9i History on foot event.

Neil Clarke has agreed to lead a walk along the Shropshire Canal route. Date will be **15th June**. 2.00 start from Miners Arms. Finish by Madeley Station.

AR has approached the IGMT to see if they might allow the group along the section of canal within Blists Hill. No reply as yet.

JC/DW/AR walked the route to carry out a risk assessment.

9ii Anstice

As mentioned under earlier item, an early discussion is needed with the new Building Manager of the Anstice. Need to agree how the MLHP can help develop the heritage content that goes into the refurbishment of the Anstice. Such as exhibitions/displays/branding/etc.

AR will approach the libraries to discuss their intentions as far as heritage and local history is concerned in the new building.

AR suggests having an Anstice related speaker for the AGM. Perhaps a talk on the Madeley Wood Company and the Anstice family involvement. Any suggestions welcomed.

9iii Local trips

JC will sound out the Tuesday group on the level of interest in local trips.

10. Date of next meeting

a. Tuesday 23rd May.

Meeting closed at .8.15 pm.