

Madeley Living History Project

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Madeley Living History Project held on Thursday, December 8th 2016 at Jubilee House, Madeley, and commencing at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Management Committee members: Jonathan Lloyd (chairman), Councillor Sue Taylor, Councillor Robin Coates, Grant Foden, Sue Beech, Rob Pooler.
Others: John Corrock, Jane Baker, Janet Doody, Mary Welsh, Anita Dodd, Terry Dodd, Gail Boyce, Charlie Boyce, Rita Mannering, Sue Watkiss, Nina Priestley, May Banks Morgan, Paul Belford, Sally Williams, Craig Baker.
Councillor Marcus MacLean.
Andy Rose Regeneration Officer (Madeley Town Council).

15/01. Apologies for Absence

None.

15/02. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The finish time has been mistyped and was corrected.

Resolved

That the minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, October 29th be confirmed and approved.

15/03. Matters Arising

None.

15/04. Chairman's report

- Madeley History Group continues to meet on a Tuesday morning. It has been involved in a variety of projects during this year.
- In March, members of the Group attended the Community History Day at Wellington Library. Their display included a slide show of old photographs together with leaflets and DVD's.
- In April, the Group held its annual exhibition at Jubilee House. This year was clips of amateur cine film home movies that had been digitised and stored on DVD.
- In July, members of the Group attended the Sutton Hill's 50th anniversary celebrations. The Group produced a photographic timeline of events that had taken place in Sutton Hill over the past 50 years. This was displayed on their stall, together with old documents, copies of the Sutton Hill book, leaflets and dvd's.
- Special thanks goes to John Corrock who in addition to supporting these events has also presented slide shows to local groups, such as the Rest

Room and also volunteered to take photographs of local events, such as Green Day, the rededication of the war memorial and the Christmas Lights.

- In April 2016, the Living History Project secured a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a project entitled "**Telford Development Corporation photo archive project**" with support from Madeley Town Council. 4 members of the group were trained to use the digitising camera and catalogue the images held at Shropshire Archives. During the summer, over 1,000 images have been digitized and catalogued by the volunteers and these can now be viewed on the Shropshire Archives online catalogue. Shropshire Archives will also set up a local link so they can also be viewed through the Town Council's website.
- One of the volunteers, Grant Foden, has selected a number of these images for a slideshow presentation after the AGM. Many of these images had not been displayed in public since the late 1960's.
- Members of the Group have supported the Town Council and the Anstice Community Trust (ACT) on several Anstice related exhibitions and fund raising activities during the year. Now that ACT has signed a 'Licence to Occupy' it means that the Trust can now take regular bookings in the ballroom and as a result, there are likely to be more community events taking place. There is also a plea from the Town Council for those of you who have photographs and Anstice memorabilia. They would love to see any old programmes or family photos taken in or around the Anstice. They can take copies and will return the originals.
- Members of the Group attended the paving stone unveiling ceremony at the refurbished war memorial square in Russell Green on the 26th August. This date marked the anniversary of the Battle of Le Cateau in 1914 where local man Major CAL Yate earned his Victoria Cross. The enhancement scheme was funded by a Pride in Your Community High Street grant, together with local contributions from the Town Council and Madeley Partnership. The enhancement scheme has now been completed following tree and hedge planting in the Autumn.
- Much Wenlock Town Council, in association with Shropshire Archives, has embarked on a project to repair, digitise, transcribe and catalogue the first two Minute Books of the Borough of Wenlock. The two books cover the period 1495 to 1810. Gill Green kindly volunteered to represent LHP on the Group working on the transcription and cataloguing activities.

15/05

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported an end of year balance at bank of **£2,557.71**. There had been income from DVD sales and expenditure covering expenses for LHP events and membership subscriptions.

A separate account was also tabled for the **TDC photo archive project** for which the Town Council acted as the accountable body for a HLF grant of £3,200. Expenditure covered volunteer expenses and staff costs at Shropshire Archives who were involved in training the volunteers. The intention is to set up a link from the Shropshire Archives online catalogue to

the Town Council website which hopefully will give easier access. This will be completed in the New Year.

15/06 **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, Robin Coates & Sue Taylor**
- Madeley History Group – **Rob Pooler & Sue Beech**
- Telford & Wrekin – vacancy
- IGMT – vacancy.

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

Resolved:

The following community representatives were elected.

- Jonathan Lloyd**
- Rev. Keith Osmund Smith**
- Grant Foden**

14/07 **Any other business**

Councillor Coates stressed the pleasure that anyone can get from involvement in heritage projects. He mentioned projects run by local people at the Park Lane Centre in recent years. He had also been researching his fathers involvement in WW2 and the Cold War and intended to offer a talk on the subject. He encouraged everyone to become more active in their local heritage.

Andy Rose mentioned that there may be projects where people could participate next year around the anniversary of the Dawley New Town, including Woodside. This followed on from the Sutton Hill projects this year. John Corrock asked if anyone had artefacts or photographs of Madeley, the Group would love to see them.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.00 pm

Signed.....

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