

Madeley History Group
Minutes of Management Committee 16th January 2020, 6.30pm
Jubilee House

Present: Grant Foden (GF), Gill Green (GG), Cllr Sue Taylor (ST), Dave Woolley (DW), Charlie Boyce (CB) Alan Jones (AJ)

In Attendance: Andy Rose (AR)

Apologies: John Corrock (JC), Councillor Robin Coates (RC)

2 Election of the Chairman

Grant Foden agreed to stand again as Chairman.

Resolved

Grant Foden was unanimously elected as the Chairman of the Committee

3 Minutes of the last meeting on 23rd May 2019

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

4 Matters Arising

No report.

5 Treasurer's Report:

Report was tabled up to 13th January 2020 (see attached). Contribution of £83 was made towards the purchase of the projector and screen. Final balance **£2,257.32**.

6 Update on Madeley Town Council Projects:

6i: Anstice Hall:

The refurbishment work is nearing completion with snagging work being carried out. The building is due to be handed back on the 27th January.

A commemorative edition of Madeley Matters is due to be published to promote the opening event on the 15th February.

7 Update on Madeley History Group projects.

7i Anstice Formal Opening – February 2020.

ACT have invited the History Group to prepare an exhibition for the re-opening event in February. The exhibition is a one-off event to promote the history of the building/family and the refurbishment works. GF is leading on this project. Decided to use the power point presentation put together by Andy Rose together with photographs of the refurbishment work taken by John Corrock.

ACT have also asked the History Group to put together a selection of historic pictures of Madeley for the display panels in the main corridor. The Group have chosen three themes.

DW has donated some A3 photographic paper to use for the prints. GF will liaise with AR to get the images printed at Jubilee House.

7ii. Public Presence

It had been agreed at the Planning Meeting in September that GF would explore some local funding pots to pay for a consultant to work on the web site. Need about £5,000 to carry out the work properly.

Two local funding sources had been checked out and unfortunately neither has been found to be suitable to cover the full costs.

GF suggested that the project is put on hold until there is time to explore other funding streams.

7iii TDC photographic archive

GF is working on a sub-group formed by WLSF members to take forward the cataloguing, digitising and making publicly available, the TDC Photographic Archive held by Shropshire Archives. A Heritage Fund (Lottery) bid for £55,000 is being prepared.

8 Events Programme 2020 update

8i History on Doorstep (High Street) – May 2020

GF asked for volunteers to work on the High Street project. GG and CB were interested in researching the topic. DW and AJ also said they would be willing to support the project. It was suggested that members considered what they wished to focus upon and it could be discussed at a future Tuesday group meeting

There were discussions about obtaining old maps and trade directories. AR will confirm what they hold in the Council's archive.

GF agreed he'd set up a meeting with those who had expressed an interest after the Anstice reopening.

8ii 2020 AGM.

Speaker on industrial/manufacturing industries in Madeley is confirmed. AR mentioned that Neil Clarke has recently issued a book on local industries.

General consensus that the talk should focus on the smaller businesses like Edge chains, Walcotts; Phoenix Chemical works/Randalls china works/Coventry Gauge and Bairdwear. The working title "Made in Madeley" was suggested. ALL to think about suitable speaker/speakers and we'll review at the next meeting.

8iii History on foot Summer Programme June to August.

GF is interested in researching the Origins of Madeley for a walk and is happy to lead this walk.

A second walk focused on Places of Worship was discussed and potentially to include a section covering some of the most interesting grave markers in St. Michael's Churchyard.

Members were asked if they would think about if they were willing to lead such a walk.

GF confirmed that both walks would need to be confirmed by around March so as to be included in the WLSF History on Foot series. GF will prompt members again closer to the deadline.

9. Any other Business.

AR mentioned that tickets were on sale for the John Powell day on the **29th February**.

AR reported that Telford & Wrekin Council were offering grants for any community events celebrating either VE (May) or VJ day (August).

Feedback needed on the reviewing the Buildings of Local Interest List. GF will report to future Tuesday group meeting

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 6th May 6.30 start (AR has confirmed room is available at Jubilee House).

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.