

Madeley Living History Project
Minutes of Management Committee 23rd May 2018, 6.30pm
Jubilee House

Present: Jonathan Lloyd (JL), Grant Foden (GF), Cllr. Gill Green (GG), Rob Pooler (RP), Cllr Sue Taylor (ST), John Corrock (JC).

In Attendance: Andy Rose (AR)

Apologies: Dave Wooley (DW), Councillor Robin Coates (RC)

2 Election of the Chairman

Jonathan Lloyd decided to step down as chairman. AR invited other Committee members to stand for the post of Chairman. Grant Foden offered to stand as Chairman but could not actively take up the role until July.

Resolved

Grant Foden was unanimously elected as the Chairman of the Committee

Grant Foden agreed to chair the meeting. He thanked Jonathan Lloyd for all his work on behalf on the Living History Project.

3 Minutes of the last meeting on 14th September 2017

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

4 Matters Arising

AR reported that no planning application had been submitted for refurbishment the Fletcher church.

5 Treasurer's Report:

Report was tabled (see attached). Only one item of expenditure which was a payment to Ron Miles.

6 Update on Madeley Town Council Projects:

6i: Anstice Hall:

The second Heritage Lottery Fund application for the refurbishment of the Anstice has been turned down. Again the reason for turning down applications was insufficient funds.

The Town Council asked officers to explore other sources of income. Because the Town Council already had a maintenance contract with Telford & Wrekin Council it was entitled to a discounted price for consultancy work. Feasibility work was carried out that was reported to the Full Council in May. It was agreed that the scheme would be worked up and costed in time for the next Full Council in June.

There has been a meeting with ACT trustees to agree a revised layout. The outline plan needs further revision before it is worked up for planning permission. The intention is to start in early 2019.

An application has been submitted to the Telford @ 50 Community Buildings Grant scheme which can provide up to £130,000 towards the cost of project. This was submitted to meet their deadline.

The scaffolding around the building was needed to give access to the guttering that needs to be repaired. Safety railing also needs to be replaced which had rotted away. This is being manufactured at the moment.

The front porch is being considered for a separate scheme ahead of the main restoration works. It will involve stripping off the paint, repairing the stonework/brickwork where necessary and replacing the roof which has rotted badly. AR is to make a listed building application for the work.

6ii St Michael's churchyard

AR and Chris Hallam have meet with Alan Walden to discuss possible improvements to the churchyard. As well as carrying out environmental improvements such as wildflower planting, consideration will be given to repairing some of cast iron tombs which are getting into a poor condition. Alan Walden would also like some interpretation panels to provide more information about the churchyard. A scheme is also been investigated to install a new pedestrian access off Legges Way into the churchyard. It is hoped this might attract some additional tourists into the church.

AR also suggested getting the paper churchyard survey digitised and available on line for people researching local family histories. Also explore the development of an app for visitors to the graveyard.

7 Update on Madeley History Group projects.

7i Annual Council Parish meeting and LHP event

The event took place on the 19th May. The event involved exhibitions and showing of films acquired from MACE. Very well attended (over 50 were counted) JC was thanked for all his hard work in organising the event.

JC reported that £50 had been raised with a raffle and JC suggested that GF be reimbursed for purchasing the films from MACE.

Resolved

It was agreed that GF would be reimbursed £50 towards his costs.

GF said that it should be possible to install the films onto the “focusonmadeley” website.

AR mentioned that one of the Town Councillors, Marcus Maclean, had asked if anything had been considered to attract younger residents, as the people attended were primarily in the retired age group. The Committee probably needs to consider what can be done for next year to attract a wider age group.

7ii TDC photographic archive.

GF has been working with Nat Stevenson from Shropshire Archives on adding additional images of Madeley to the WordPress website.

GF was thanked for all his work on adding all the additional information, including the Ivor Brown memorial talk.

AR had submitted the HLF end of project report.

7iii Past Times in Telford 4th July

This is a Telford @ 50 project been organised by the Senior Citizens Forum. It includes a theme of leisure activities. An invite had been sent to all local history groups to see if they wanted to participate. Rita Mannering had agreed to attend on behalf of the Madeley History Group.

AR had sorted out some images of leisure activities for Rita to use on the day.

8 Any Other Business

8i WLSF Telford @ 50 project

The WLSF has secured a grant from the Telford @ 50 grant scheme to hold a community history day on the 15th September 2018. It will be themed around the 50th anniversary of the New Town.

As part of the project, it has been decided to digitize and catalogue more of the TDC photo collection held by Shropshire Archives covering the whole Borough. Members of the Madeley LHP who have already been trained to use the equipment for the previous project (see 7ii) have been asked if they would like to help out. Marilyn Higson and AR have been over to Shropshire Archives on several occasions to shortlist the images that might be used. Nat has now been asked when he can work with the volunteers (probably going to be late June through July). Dates will be circulated for consideration.

We will need to consider if Madeley has a stall at the event.

8ii Ivor Brown Memorial day.

AR reported that he had received notification that an Ivor Brown Memorial day had been arranged for the 27th October. Good range of speakers on mining history. Cost £10 with buffet.

8iii History on foot Programme June to August .

AR reminded members of the various walks that were being held. Programme is in the current WLSF events leaflet.

8iv General Data Protection Regulations

AR has written to everyone on the Friends of Madeley LHP database to ask if they wish to continue to receive information. Please respond or we will have to remove from database.

8v Equali teas – The wakes Oakengates.

Another Telford @ 50 event to which we have been invited to attend.

There does appear to be several invites coming through for Telford @ 50 events around Telford. Woodside also has received a grant to do a Reminiscences Day which might need our support. It was decided not to be involved in this particular event.

8vii – WW1 film

AR had received an invite to purchase a 6 month licence for £50 to show a new WW1 film about Geoffrey Malins, a famous cameraman at the Battle of the Somme. If you purchase the licence you can keep any money that is raised from showings. It was decided not to purchase.

9. Date of next meeting(s)

- a. Thursday 6th September**
- b. Thursday in December (AGM). It was agreed that AR would write to Toby Neal to see if he would be our guest speaker. If so, dates will be sought from Toby.**

Meeting closed at .8.00 pm.