

Madeley Living History Project
Minutes of Management Committee 2nd June 2015, 6.30pm
Jubilee House

Present: Jonathan Lloyd (JL), Janet Doody (JD), Grant Foden (GF), Cllr Sue Taylor (ST), Rob Pooler (RP)

In Attendance: Andy Rose (AR) Kath Petty (KP)(part)

Apologies: Cllr. Gill Green (GG), Veronica Jubb (VJ), Keith Osmund Smith (KOS), Steve Leggett (SL), Councillor Robin Coates (RC).

1. Minutes of the last meeting on

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

2. Treasurer's Report:

LHP accounts for 2014-15 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The balance at bank as of 31st March 2015 was **£2,703**. It was agreed that if matched funding was required for any project from LHP then members could be asked for their views via email.

The items of expenditure incurred since January 2015 were as follows:-

Admin Costs for NMM project	£60
Subs for Wrekin Local Studies Forum	£25

There was a small amount of income from sales of leaflets/dvd's.

The current petty cash float still stands at **£26.00**.

AR confirmed that the Annual Return and Accounts for 2014 had now been posted on the Charity Commission website and contact details updated.

3. Update on Madeley Town Council Projects:

3i: Lumley Hall:

Despite promises being made, the Madeley Music project has not progressed the establishment of a suitable management model or completed the lease.

The Group have been notified that the Regeneration Partnership is due to reconsider its offer of funding in June.

3ii: Anstice Hall:

KP confirmed that the Anstice Hall was acquired on the 23rd April.

KP confirmed that the Anstice Community Team continues to meet and is growing in confidence and commitment. They meet once a month with additional meetings for working groups looking specifically at funding, communications and marketing and legal structures.

The Legal Structures group is going through the process of registering ACT as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, to be known as the Anstice Community Trust and 8 members of ACT have agreed to be Trustees. The legal structures group is also

developing the constitution and various other policies. They are investigating the best management structure for running the Anstice which will include setting up a Trading Subsidiary and may include subleases and/or franchises.

The funding group has organised Financial Regulations which have been adopted, and an application to Heritage Lottery Fund for a Start- up Grant has been submitted as a partnership between the Town Council and ACT. This was to pay for Community Consultation, Training and development for the group, an Options Appraisal and further development of the Business Plan.

Unfortunately, the HLF have turned down the bid. Other funding sources are being considered. It is important not to lose the momentum that has been building up.

The Communications and marketing Group have a number of smaller projects that they are developing. The building was open on the 30th May for guided tours and organised events in the ballroom. It was linked with the Food and Craft Fair. The event had been very successful.

Over 400 survey responses had been received and these were being collated.

The arrangement with Ian Duffy has been formalised. Ian has been looking after the building on behalf of the liquidators for the last 12 months. He has been given a short term lease on the stewards flat and in return will be responsible for security, key holding and minor repairs. He is a qualified builder and will also undertake to repair the flat and bring it up to a habitable standard. Having somebody on site whilst the building is empty has kept the building secure; this arrangement also satisfies insurers. Works to the building have to be agreed with AR.

AR confirmed that the building survey & valuation report being prepared by Stephen Morris from Nock Deighton was due later this week. The asbestos survey compiled by CES has already been received. It has not thrown up any major problems.

AR confirmed that a working group is due to be established to look after the building and oversee any works that are carried out. Nominees from the LHP were invited and GF was interested in being involved.

Keith Whitton has organised a proper inventory of the building.

3iii: War Memorial & Commemorative plaque

Funding bid to Veolia was unsuccessful due to high demand.

The project was taken back to the Town Council F & GP Committee and they decided that they would not cut back the scheme and asked officers to look for other funding.

A bid was made to the War Memorials Trust. A decision is due by the end of June.

Telford & Wrekin Council is still looking at additional improvements to Russell Green as part of their Pride in the Community initiative.

4. Update on Madeley History Group projects

7. Future projects

7i TDC photographic archive

An outline brief has been revised by AR and submitted to Shropshire Archives. AR needs to firm up costs with Mary MacKenzie before any thought can be given to potential funding bids.

GF indicated that thought needs to be given to making the photographs as accessible as possible. He had found the Shropshire Archives system quite difficult to navigate. AR indicated that the Town Council would look at also having copies on its website as well as the County Council system. The County Council may need reassurance that photos cannot be accessed by commercial companies for business use without paying a fee. Some photos will also be put on the digital table at Southwater library.

7ii 100th anniversary of the death of Thomas Parker

Work on the Thomas Parker group has been developing really well. There were Working Group meetings on the 10th February at Bantock House in Wolverhampton and 26th March back at Jubilee House. A further meeting is being arranged for mid-June to firm up the projects. The Town Council has earmarked £1,000 towards the project and John Freeman has agreed to cover some of the costs.

The projects that have been developed so far include:-

1. A Thomas Parker event at the Valley Hotel on the 10th October. Two speakers have been lined up (Janet Doody & Ian West). A third speaker is being pursued. John Powell might be a possibility. (PS since the meeting Roy Bowdler who is a rep from the IET has indicated that he would be prepared to give a talk).
2. Erection of a plaque at the Valley Hotel. Roger Frewtrell at Blists Hill foundry was to be approached to see if they could produce a cast iron version.
3. Restoration of the Parker grave at St Michael's. Robert Turner of Eura Conservation has given some advice as a favour to John Freeman. Involves both volunteers and specialists. Need to discuss further with family and local church.
4. Possible articles in the IET and Newcomen magazines. Also investigating other regional options such as Black Country Bugle.
5. Possible exhibition of artwork by children at John Fletcher School on a Thomas Parker theme to be displayed at the Footprint gallery at Jackfield Tile Works in early July. Also possible display of Parker artefacts. Also use best of the work for October event.
6. AO display boards to be used at events (use Mike Ashton)
7. John & Ida White from the Aqueduct group have agreed to research the early history of the Court Works when managed by the Fosters. AR also pleased to see that a Facebook page has been set up by local people called **"reminiscences of Court Works foundry"**. Appears to be generating local interest. RP reports that it has thrown up some potential links that will be followed up. Need to consider how best to present new information that is being posted by local people.

7iii 200th Anniversary of the death of Mary Fletcher

No real progress has been made on any local project to celebrate the anniversary of Mary Fletcher. Any ideas would be welcomed.

AR suggested whether a speaker could be found for the AGM that covered Mary Fletcher.

7iv The Madeley History Group had held another photographic exhibition on the 25th April. It was well attended (around 50 people).

8. AOB
None

9. Date of next meeting(s)

Revised dates for 2015 – all 6.30 start

Monday 3rd August (Jubilee House)

Thursday 29th October AGM (Jubilee House)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.