

## Madeley Living History Project Management Committee

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2002, 7.30pm at Madeley Library

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1. **Present:**

**Committee Members:**

Ben Whittle (Chair), Rob Breeze, John Powell, Dave Davies, Marilyn Higson.  
Jonathon Lloyd.

**Friends and members of the public:**

Mrs J Doody, Mrs G Groves, Mr & Mrs Hardman, Mr & Mrs Humphries, Francis Jones, Mrs Daphne Roberts, Mrs R Thorpe, Mrs M Welch, H Whittle, Mrs I Roberts, Nigel McDaniel, R & B Oakley.

**Officers of Madeley Parish Council:**

Fay Bailey (Living History Project Manager), Kath Petty (Clerk),  
Pat McCarthy (Project Officer).

2. **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Mrs D Bailey and Rev Henry Morris

3. **Welcome from the Chair**

The Chair welcomed everybody and took the opportunity to explain the nature of the Project: -

The Madeley Living History Project was instigated by Madeley Parish Council. The Parish was concerned that the long and fascinating history of the area was in danger of being forgotten, they also felt that current events should be recorded and preserved for future generations. The Project, with strong community support, is building up archive of photographs and materials that will be made available for public access. The project operates on the principal that everybody has a story to tell and the accessing and celebration of these stories will help to bring people together and foster a sense of pride in the area.

Madeley Parish Council have agreed to fund the Project for 3 years, with the intention of securing further funding from outside sources to secure its long term future.

The Management Committee began meeting in June 2001 and in appointed Fay Bailey as the Manager who started in post in September 2001.

4. **Presentation from the Project Manager**

The Chair introduced Fay Bailey who gave a presentation on the principle projects that have been completed over the first 12 months, these being: -  
*Christmas Lights* – A project that examined Christmas past and present through the experiences of young and old, culminating in an exhibition that visited various venues across the parish.

*Community Quilt* – Twenty-six voluntary groups were asked to produce a quilt panel that depicted their group's activities. Local volunteers assembled all the component parts into a complete quilt, which was displayed as part of Local

History week and at locations across the parish. It is now on permanent display at Jubilee House.

*Old Town/New Town* – An ongoing schools project whereby a teacher's resource pack as been assembled that examines the changes that have taken place in the area. Local people from an older generation visited the schools, they were interviewed by the children and the work produced was displayed at the library.

*Russell Road* – A group of residents have come together to investigate the history of their road to produce an exhibition that will be opened in the library at the end of November

*The Nine Men of Madeley* – An application for lottery funding is soon to be submitted to enable the restoration of this important monument.

The Chair thanked Fay for her presentation and moved on to the business of the meeting.

## **5. Appointment of the Committee**

The Chair introduced the meeting to those members of the committee present. He further announced that Francis Jones, the representative from The Workers Education Association, had left the committee, he thanked her for her hard work and enthusiasm, particularly with the community quilt and Russell road projects.

It was explained that the current committee represents various organisations, it is important that the community is also represented and that the Annual General Meeting presents an opportunity for local people to become actively involved. The Chair reminded the meeting that only the 'Friends of the Living History Project' could vote.

Two nominations had been received, only one of whom was present.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously voted in favour of Janet Doody becoming a community representative on the the Madeley Living History Project Management Committee.

The Chair asked the meeting if there was anybody present that would be interested in joining the committee. Mrs Gwen Groves volunteered to be considered and it was formally proposed, seconded and unanimously voted in favour of Mrs Gwen Groves becoming a community representative on the Madeley Living History Project Management Committee

## **6. Election of Chair**

Chair requested that Kath Petty chair this Agenda item.

There being no nominations for the position of Chair Ben Whittle was asked if he was prepared to continue in this post. Mr Whittle stated that he was happy to do so for the present but would willingly relinquish the position if another member of the committee expressed an interest. The committee unanimously agreed that Ben Whittle should continue in the position of Chair of Madeley Living History Project Management Committee.

## **7. Election of Secretary**

There being no nominations for the position of Secretary, Kath Petty was asked to ascertain if Gill Green (the Current Secretary, not present at the meeting) would be prepared to continue in the role.

**8. Election of Treasurer**

Due to the relationship of the Project with Madeley Parish Council, it was suggested that the Treasurer of the Project should be independent of the Parish Council. Mrs Gwen Groves volunteered her services as Treasurer; this was unanimously agreed by the committee.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 7.15.

All those present were invited to remain for a buffet and slide presentation of pictures of old Madeley.

Signed..... Dated.....