

**Living History Project
Management Committee Meeting 16th May 2002**

Present: - Jonathon Lloyd, Rob Breeze, Ben Whittle, Francis Jones,
Jane Siddons, Marylin Higson, John Powell.
Fay Bailey, Kath Petty, Pat McCarthy.

Apologies: - Councillor Dave Davies

1. Notes from the meeting held on 14th March 2002

The notes from the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

2. Matters Arising

There were none.

3. Feedback from the public meeting held on 8th May 2002

The meeting to preview the community quilt and to launch the project had been very well attended, with over 100 people present. The Shropshire Star photographers did not attend as arranged, but a photograph was taken the next day with a very encouraging write up.

Those in attendance voted overwhelmingly in favour of the continuation of the project and the pursuance of charitable status. Nobody voted against and there was one abstention.

It was an oversight that attendees were not asked to sign in; therefore there is no official record of who attended, although there is paperwork that demonstrates who was invited and who agreed to send representatives. Kath Petty will produce notes of the meeting.

The evening was a great success. The quilt attracted much interest and positive comment, and those who had been involved were pleased to be part of the celebration of its completion.

Bennett House, one of the contributors, had been unable to attend, Fay took the quilt to their premises for them to see.

The quilt was also on display in the Town Centre as part of Local History week. Many people had seen the publicity in the Shropshire Star, and again the quilt attracted much interest.

4. Election of Officers

Following the launch of the Project on 8th May, those present at the meeting signed and officially adopted the constitution.

4.1 Chair

It was proposed and unanimously agreed that Ben Whittle take the post of Chair of the Management Committee

4.2 Secretary

Although not a member of the Committee, Kath Petty agreed to continue in the role of Acting Secretary.

4.3 Treasurer

As the project does not yet have independent funds, it was agreed to postpone the appointment to this office until there are funds to administer and a full committee.

5. The Coach House

Pat McCarthy explained the long term plan for the future of the Coach House, a small semi-derelict building in the grounds of Jubilee House.

When the Living History Project was originally conceived, it was with a view to having a permanent base for the work and the Parish Council had worked on the idea of the Coach House being that base. The plan at the time was to extend the building to approximately three times its size and the Parish was negotiating for the purchase of some adjoining land in order to increase the size of the car park. Unfortunately these negotiations broke down and the land was withdrawn from sale, this in turn, had a bearing on the size of the building the Parish would be permitted to construct. It was therefore decided to put the development of the building on hold and to concentrate on the Living History Project.

The Parish has now returned to look at the viability of the Coach House being used as a base. Pat McCarthy informed the meeting that a questionnaire would be sent out to individuals and community groups who have had a connection with Fay and the work, to ascertain if there is interest in a Project Centre, and if so, what they would expect the centre to provide.

There was some discussion as to the name of the building and the possibility that there may be some confusion with the Coach House at Darby Road. A suggestion was that it could be renamed 'Jubilee Coach House', to be revisited at a later date

6. Project Logo

It has been discussed previously that the Living History Project should have its own Logo and begin to establish an identity that is separate from Madeley Parish Council.

The meeting agreed that the Logo could be decided through a competition with schools. It was agreed that firm guidelines/instructions would need to be drawn up and that the competition would be launched through the schools in September.

7. Project Managers Report

Fay Bailey presented a progress report to the meeting (attached). In addition to the written report, the following items were additionally discussed: -

- The Russell Road Project will exhibit its work as part of the Christmas Lights celebrations.
- On 15th and 16th June there is to be an exhibition and open day on the life of John Fletcher.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Living History Project Management Committee will take place on Thursday 27th June, 7.30 at Madeley Library.