

Madeley Living History Project Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 16th October 2003, 7.30pm at Madeley Library, Russell Square, Madeley.

Present:

Committee Members:

Bob Breeze, Janet Doody, Dave Davies, Marilyn Higson, Jonathon Lloyd, John Powell, Gillian Weaver, Gwen Groves.

Friends and Members of the Public: Graham White, Anne Shaw, Daphne Roberts, Len Roberts, Della Bailey, Sue Laflin, Colin Muddiman, Barbars & Douglas Hardman, Andy Millward, Rae Millward, J. P Birtwhistle, R Jones, Glenys & Aubrey Evans, Joan Beard, M Jose Wilson.

Officers of Madeley Parish Council:

Kath Petty, Shelagh Lewis

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from: -

Mrs J Bowdler, Julie Colley, Joan Edwards, Mr & Mrs Morris, Mr & Mrs Thorpe, Ben & Hilary Whittle, Henry Morris, Mary Welch, Ian Pritchard, Gill Green, Jackie Davies, Dennis Jones.

Ben Whittle (Chair MLHP Management Committee) had sent his apologies, with the permission of the meeting, Rob Breeze took the Chair.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting, held 24th October 2002

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record with the following amendments: -

- The meeting finished at 8.15pm.
- The elected Treasurer was Mrs Janet Doody, **not** Mrs Gwen Groves as stated in the minutes.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that would not be covered by other Agenda items.

4. Chairmans Report

In the absence of the Chair, Rob Breeze submitted a report on his behalf.

Mr Breeze introduced the committee members to those present and thanked the committee for their assistance and support over the last 12 months.

The major change in the last years had been the departure of Fay Bailey, the Project Manager. Although all were sorry to say goodbye to Fay, she was congratulated on obtaining an important post with English Heritage was acknowledged. Fay had worked extremely hard to establish the Madeley Living History Project as an important and valued local initiative.

The vacancy left by Fay provided an opportunity for a new manager to build on established good practice, and the committee was delighted to have appointed Shelagh Lewis to the post.

Mr Breeze moved on to highlight some of the Projects' achievements over the last twelve months, concentrating on the period prior to the appointment of Shelagh Lewis: -

- The Russell Road Project had been enjoyed by the participants and the subsequent exhibition was well received by the general public. It was launched at Christmas Lights 2002 and taken to a variety of venues in the parish.
- The Old Town/New Town Project had been completed with a number of local schools, culminating in art work from the pupils, which had been displayed at Madeley Library. The work brought together young people and older members of the community and looked at the changes that have taken place to the area.
- It was particularly gratifying to see the completed restoration of the 'Nine Men of Madeley' grave at St Michaels Church. The work was carried out by Eura Conservation, with funding provided by 'Your Heritage' and Madeley Parish Council. It was acknowledged to be a quality restoration and an important reminder of Madeley's mining past.
- A project to design a logo for the project had been completed with students from Haughton School.
- The Sutton Hill Book is nearing completion. The book chronicles life in the early years of Sutton Hill, the first new town estate in Telford, through the memories of local residents.
- The project has applied for Charitable status and is awaiting a decision.
- The number of 'Friends' has increased steadily and is now over 60.

Mr Breeze concluded his report by reminding the meeting that the project has just under one year left to run, it was hoped that it might continue but for that to happen, supporters need to make their views known.

5. Treasurers Report

Mrs Doody informed the meeting that the Project is currently financed by Madeley Parish Council, her responsibility is for the funds held by the committee.

After a number of delays and difficulties a Charity Bank Account was opened with the Co-operative Bank. Her written end of year report was circulated. (attached).

6. Project Update

Shelagh Lewis reported on the achievements of the Project and plans for the future (report attached).

She concluded by thanking all those people who's continued support enabled the project to flourish – the Friends, the Committee, Madeley Parish Council, and in particular, Dennis Jones, Joan Beard and her predecessor, Fay Bailey who left everything in such good order.

7. Election of Management Committee

The Chair reminded the meeting that a number of the management Committee are appointed by partner organisations. The purpose of the election was to fill the community vacancies of which there are eight.

He first asked the current community representatives – Dave Davies, Gwen Groves and Jan Doody – if they were willing to continue, to which they agreed.

The Chair reminded the meeting that only the 'Friends' could vote and it was: -

Agreed by majority vote that the above named people remained as community representatives on the MLHP Management Group.

Mr & Mrs Roberts had indicated their interest in joining the committee: -

Agreed by majority vote that Mr & Mrs Roberts be appointed Community representatives on MLHP Management Committee.

There being three remaining vacancies, the Chair asked the meeting if anybody present would be interested in volunteering to join the committee.

Mrs Della Bailey, Mrs Barbara Hardman and Mrs Sue Laflin volunteered their services.

Agreed by majority vote the above named people be appointed as community representatives on the MLHP management Committee.

The Chair thanked the new committee members for their interest and thanked the meeting for their participation. Those present were invited to stay for a buffet followed by a presentation on the Archaeology of Shropshire.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 8.15pm.

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