

Madeley Living History Project

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th December 2003, 7.30 at Madeley Library, Russell Square, Madeley

Present: Gwen Groves, Marilyn Higson, Ben Whittle, Hilary Whittle, Sue Laflin, Janet Doody, Barbara Hardman, Cllr Gill Green, Jonathon Lloyd, Kath Petty.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Dave Davies, Len & Daphne Roberts, David Edwards and Shelagh Lewis.

2. Election of Officers

2.1 Chair

Ben Whittle was prepared to continue in the role of Chair, there were no other nominations and Ben Whittle was elected as Chair of Madeley Living History Project.

2.2 Treasurer

Janet Doody was also prepared to continue in the role of Treasurer, there were no other nominations and Jan Doody was elected as Treasurer of Madeley Living History Project.

2.3 Secretary

There were no nominations for Secretary of the Living History Project. Kath Petty volunteered to continue producing the minutes until a secretary could be found.

3. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September were agreed as a true record.

3.1 Matters Arising

- (1) It was pointed out that as The Borough of Telford & Wrekin Members Services will no longer be a nominating authority for the project, that the constitution needs changing.
Agenda item for the next meeting.

The problem of siting of the mosaic gravestone has still not been resolved.

4. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported that the bank balance is £1,037.00. There is one outstanding cheque of £16.67 for accounting items, this was agreed and signed in the meeting.

5. Living History Project Managers Report

The manager's report (attached) was distributed for member's information and the following matters were raised: -

Shropshire Reminiscence Group would like a piece about the project in their next newsletter.

The Sutton Hill Book will be published shortly

The Coach House proposal excited much interest. The Parish Council hopes to apply for Heritage Lottery Funding to renovate the building. If successful the

building could provide, suitable storage for the Living History Archive. There would also be an additional meeting room/exhibition space and office space. Members of the meeting said that the Local Studies Group does not have suitable meeting accommodation at the moment and would be very interested in the Coach House proposals.

Jonathon Lloyd has experience of dealing with the Heritage Lottery Fund and advised that local usage is of paramount importance. The application will be stronger for its associations with the Local Studies Group and local schools.

The future of the project was discussed. The committee was aware that the project is only funded to September 2004 and would be very disappointed if, having established its identity and value to the community, it did not continue. JL advised that it might be possible to include a bid for the manager's salary within the bid for the Coach House. This is a line of enquiry that will be pursued once the Parish's view has been established.

Gillian Weaver informed the meeting that after Christmas, the Active Retirement Group would embark on a research project about the Beeches Hospital Site. The library has information available and Della Bailey has a store of personal stories and anecdotes.

Dates for the next meetings arranged

- 15th January 04
- 26th February
- 15th April
- 27th May
- 8th July
- 19th August
- 30th September

The meeting finished at 8.20pm

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