

Madeley Living History Project

Minutes of the meeting held 13th January 2005, at Madeley Library, Russell Square, Madeley and commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Jan Doody, Della Bailey, Jonathan Lloyd, John Powell,
David Davies, Mike Swift, Joan Beard, Barbara Hardman
In attendance: Kath Petty, Shelagh Lewis
Apologies: Paul Woolfe, Sue Laflin, Gwen Groves, Marilyn Higson,
Gill Green, Janice Jones.

1. Election of Officers:

Chairman: Jonathan Lloyd (proposed by Marilyn Higson, seconded by David Davies).

Carried *nem con*)

Vice-Chair: David Davies (proposed by Mike Swift, seconded by Barbara Hardman).

Carried *nem con*)

Treasurer: Jan Doody agreed to continue as Treasurer for a further year.
(Accepted *nem con*)

Secretary: It was agreed that Kath Petty & Shelagh Lewis would continue to carry out these duties.

(Accepted *nem con*)

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd September 2004.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

2.1 Matters Arising

The application for charitable status had been accepted by the Charity Commission and the LHP was now registered as charity no. 1106774. This number should be shown on all official correspondence from now on.

3. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported that there was £999.26 in the bank. Two new members had joined and membership now stood in the mid-nineties. It was agreed to run a recruitment drive to try to reach the 100 mark. The treasurer requested a list of members be available at the AGM so she could tick off names as subs were paid.

4. HODS 2004.

Successful walks had been held around the town on the Saturday morning (25 people) and at Madeley Court on the Sunday afternoon (22 people). A talk on the Saturday evening at Jubilee House was also well-attended (30 people) and feedback from the talk was very positive.

Help from Barbara & Doug!?

5. Projects Update.

5.1 Beeches.

The enthusiastic group continues to meet. A successful exhibition was held at the library and at Jubilee House in December 2004. Proposals for listing Lincoln Grange were being finalised. The group hoped to produce a short booklet giving the story of the building.

Exhibition in library & at Jubilee House – lots of feedback

MS will bring up at the Gorge

JP – Paul Bellford has info

5.2 Brooke Memorials.

These had now been restored and looked much improved. Shelagh & Joan Beard are working on an information/*education?* pack which should be ready before too long.

5.3 Mosaic tombstone.

This was now almost ready. Shelagh would be going to look at it during week beginning 17th Jan and discussions regarding siting would be held with the vicar. John Powell has colour slide / print of it in original position.

Discussion re keeping finished piece safe from vandalism.

5.4 Graveyard Survey & Graveyard trail.

This was taking longer than expected (inclement weather & recent events in the churchyard) but was moving along. Again Shelagh asked if more volunteers could be found.

5.5 Town Trail.

Coming along apace. Much information had been acquired during the HODS build-up. A possible illustrator had been found and it was hoped the trail could be launched at HODS 2005.

Hoping for HLF grant

5.6 War Memorial Project.

Jan Doody would arrange to call in to see Shelagh shortly to discuss the next move.

Request for addition of name – Parish will decide

5.7 Schools Projects.

The LHP manager continued to work with certain schools on a variety of projects. Various committee members who were school governors or had good school contacts agreed to pass on the message about the availability of input from the LHP.

JL will contact Christine Brown

6. Future Projects and Events.

6.1 World War II Event.

This would be held to commemorate the 60th anniversary of VE day. Close collaboration with the Library Service would be maintained regarding reminiscences and the LHP would be organising a concert in October 2005 (provisionally 8th October) featuring music, song, dances & sketches of WWII with an interval buffet of WWII food. Funding would be applied for. It was agreed a small charge could be made and donated to an

appropriate charity and that provision of transport would be essential.
The Abraham Darby School would be approached first regarding a venue.

Exhibition & evacuee stories?

Possible funding through BBC or HLF

6.2 National Archaeology Days.

These would run for a week in 2005 but the LHP would run an event on either Saturday 16th July or Saturday 23rd July. Various attractions similar to the previous year would be offered and it was hoped to have a hog roast. Should there be a problem in Russell Sq. because of the proposed development the Community Orchard was being considered as an alternative venue. Shelagh would be meeting with Paul Belford of Ironbridge Archaeology in the next couple of weeks to explore collaboration.

6.3 HODS.

An event would be held over the weekend of 10th September when it was hoped that the Town Trail could be launched. Shelagh proposed a Friday or Saturday 'Quiz Night' with fish & chip supper at Jubilee House.

7. Friends of the Living History Project.

7.1 Newsletter.

Joan Beard offered to help with the newsletter. The next newsletter should be out in March.

7.2 Trips.

The trip to Hereford had been cancelled because of lack of support. It was agreed that trips should be kept to the spring & summer months. John Powell suggested trip to the recently-reopened Jackfield Tile Museum and this was agreed.

8. Proposed Management Committee visit to Blaenavon.

It was agreed that a visit during the spring would be appropriate. The Chairman would be visiting Blaenavon during week beginning 12th January and agreed to raise the matter then. *Links with Schools*

9. Information from Committee Members.

There were no reports.

10, Dates for Management Committee meetings during 2005.

All meetings will take place on Thursday evenings 7.30pm at Madeley Library unless otherwise indicated on agendas.

24th February

7th April

19th May

30th June

8th September

27th October (AGM)

8th December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.