

Madeley Living History Project
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
Thursday 27th October 2011, 6.30pm
Jubilee House

Present: Jonathan Lloyd (in the Chair), Cllr. Sue Taylor, Janet Doody, ,

In Attendance: Shelagh Hampton, Kath Petty

Apologies: Marilyn Higson, Sue Laflin, John Powell

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th July 2011:

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record

1i: Matters Arising

SH reported that the 10th Anniversary display had been a success and that the WHS Festival display at St. Michael's Church had attracted a small, but appreciative, audience. She thanked the Treasurer for her support at the latter.

2. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported that the balance at bank was £4141.84

3. Update on Projects:

3i: Existing booklets:

Still very popular. SH suggested that a charge should be made for booklets (not leaflets) in the future.

3ii: New publications:

Two new publications have been produced (*Made in Madeley* and *Three Madeley Houses: their owners and occupiers*). A number of new publications are in the pipeline and should be available by Christmas. These include *Madeley Court, The Brooke family and Madeley, Thomas Parker: an ingenious engineer* and a booklet on the Anstice Hall and the Anstice family. A number of other publications will appear in 2012.

3iii: School projects:

SH had still not managed to obtain a copy of the Woodlands School booklet but was pursuing this.

3iv: Randall project:

The proposal for a joint project on the Randall China Works (with Ironbridge Archaeology) had not progressed but is still in the pipeline.

3v: General Enquiries:

These continue steadily.

4. Future of Living History Project:

KP informed the meeting that the Council had agreed to fund the project for a further three years but with a slightly different focus. The post had been advertised and over 50 expressions of interest had been made. Interviews will take place on Thursday 1st December at Jubilee House.

7. Friends of the LHP:

Friends now numbered over 140 and a trip to Hereford Cathedral will take place on 2nd November. It was agreed that discussions about putting the Friends organisation on a more formal footing should be deferred until the new post holder had been appointed. It was felt that more social events would be appreciated, perhaps including an annual social meeting.

SH informed the meeting that John Powell had been in hospital and JD said that he was now home and making good progress. She also reported that May Smart was in hospital. Cards, on behalf of the LHP, had been sent to both.

8. Information from Committee Members:

There was no information from Committee members.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

Selection of a date for the next meeting was deferred until the after the appointment of the new post holder.

Footnote

Shelagh Hampton will be retiring at Christmas 2011. She will continue to work with the Tuesday group until the summer of 2012 to bring the work in progress through to publication.

The Chair extended his thanks for all Shelagh's hard work over the last 8 years, for her dedication and enthusiasm and in particular for bringing together a group of interested local people, assisting and inspiring them to research and produce the range of publications that are currently available.

The Living History Project under Shelagh's management has raised Madeley's profile and attracted positive comment from many other organisations and individuals. Shelagh will be much missed but the work will continue, with a change of direction that will focus on significant buildings, their regeneration and future usage.

The committee members echoed the thanks from the Chair and wished Shelagh well for her retirement.