

Madeley Living History Project
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
Friday 4th May 2012, 4.30pm
Jubilee House

Present: Jonathan Lloyd (JL) (in the Chair), Cllr. Gill Green (GG), Janet Doody (JD)

In Attendance: Andy Rose (AR), Kath Petty (KP)

Apologies: None

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th October 2011:

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record

1i: Matters Arising

None.

2. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported that the balance at bank as of 31st March 2012 was £3,621.85. No known commitments. There are two leaflets waiting to be published on **Mines & Mining** and **Madeley Court Hotel**. MPC do provide a budget to cover the printing costs of leaflets. Might need some extra funding if Madeley Court Hotel decide not to contribute. The Tuesday Group are also due to go on a visit.

3. Update on Projects:

3i: New publications:

Since the previous meeting several leaflets and booklets have been produced. These include *The Brooke family*, *Thomas Parker*, *The Anstice Memorial Institute*, *Parish Pubs and Madeley's pioneering Women preachers*.

3ii: New projects:

AR was welcomed as the new heritage officer. AR explained his role at the Parish Council and ran through the projects that he had been involved with to date. These included Lumley Hall, the People's Centre, Fletcher Memorial Church, the Anstice Institute, and Madeley Town Trail (signage & leaflet).

3iii: AOB:

It was agreed that all parties should work to develop better working arrangements between Lumley Hall, People's Centre and the CHEC centre.

4. Future of Living History Project:

The Madeley Living History Project has been funded and run by the Parish Council since 2001. It is a registered charity. The aim of the project has been to bring together people and sections of the community and work with schools, community groups and individuals to research, record and celebrate the history of Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside and foster interest and pride in the parish. It is agreed that the objects of the LHP are still valid.

However, in 2011, the Parish Council decided to fund the project for a further three years but with a different focus on supporting local property owners to refurbish their buildings.

The Tuesday group is still very active with around 50 members. As well as social events, the group has been very pro-active in researching and collating leaflets and pamphlets and undertaking small scale restoration projects. People have been able to

choose their level of involvement to suit their interests and needs. However, with the upcoming retirement of the LHP Manager, the group need to decide if they wish to continue without direct support being available from the Parish Council. As a self sufficient group, it will be expected to pay a fee for room hire.

A number of reps on the Living History Project Management Committee have either retired or moved on. It is agreed that there is a need to refresh the membership of the Committee, ideally with more of a local community focus. It is agreed that the Tuesday Group will be consulted on taking a more active role on the Management Committee.

It is agreed that the Heritage Officer would benefit from having the Management Committee in place to oversee projects, especially those which require a charity to front any funding bid. It could also provide endorsement for any project that was being promoted by the Tuesday group and to legitimise any expenditure for audit purposes.

It was agreed to report back to the Management Committee once local soundings have been taken.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.00 pm.