

**Madeley Living History Project**  
**Minutes of Management Committee 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014, 7.00pm**  
**Jubilee House**

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**Present:** Jonathan Lloyd (JL), Janet Doody (JD), Grant Foden (GF), Veronica Jubb (VJ)

**In Attendance:** Andy Rose (AR) Kath Petty (KP) Alison Vermees (AV) Jane Baker (JB)

**Apologies:** Cllr. Gill Green (GG), Cllr Sue Taylor (ST), Sandy Pledger (SP).

**1. Update on Telford Our New Town project by Jane Baker (JB)(Telford & Wrekin libraries)**

JB presented an update on a HLF funded project entitled “**Telford Our New Town: A Digital Archive**”. This project aims to bring together selected items from the Telford Development Corporation Archive collection held at Shropshire Archives, and other important, unique resources about the development of Telford in the 1960s - 1980s.

It primarily focusses on 6 areas of the Borough:

- Brookside/Stirchley
- Dawley
- Hollinswood/Randlay
- Malinslee
- Woodside
- Town Park and Town Centre

The first part of the project involves selecting and digitising photographs from the Archives and investigating their audio recordings; digitising part of the Dawley Observer (1963 – 1984) and film clips from MACE (Media Archive for Central England) and searching out other resources that can also be added to the archive.

All the photographs will be catalogued and available via the Shropshire Archives online catalogue; the Telford Journal will be available on computers in Southwater One. A new portal linked to the libraries' website will provide a gateway to resources and showcase the project. See website for more information

[http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/200064/community\\_history/1095/community\\_history\\_projects/5](http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/200064/community_history/1095/community_history_projects/5)

Selected materials will be presented using interactive software on digital tables at the new Southwater library (due to open 14<sup>th</sup> July). It will allow people to share and learn collaboratively and introduce history in a fun and interesting way.

JB would welcome any local volunteers to help with the project.

AR is attending the session on the 1<sup>st</sup> July at Shropshire Archives to look for Woodside images (John Corrock from the Madeley History Group & Jean Edwards have also volunteered to help on that day). Other members of the LHP Committee would be willing to help with any later dates.

There was a discussion about capturing other TDC related information. JL suggested digitising important TDC policy documents. AR mentioned any details of major land reclamation or road building projects. AR agreed to follow up with JB in an email.

JB also mentioned that there is now access on their pc's in all libraries to the Shropshire Parish Registers Collection on Find My Past.

JB confirmed that the local history collection is staying at Wellington Library.

## **2. Update on the Nine Men of Madeley Project by Alison Vermeec (AV)**

The Nine Men of Madeley is a community heritage project that will commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a mining disaster at the Brick Kiln Leasowes pit in Madeley in which nine local men died. The project has been awarded £16,200 HLF funding. The LHP had already agreed to act as the accountable body for the project.

The project will include a community performance of a play which dramatises life and working conditions for people in Madeley at this time, and which will include members of the local community (scheduled to take place at St Michael's church on the 27<sup>th</sup> September). Likely to be a promenade approach with several performances. Looking to involve AbDab School and local scouts/guides.

In addition, as part of the project, a new heritage trail based around the lives of the nine men and a website which will provide learning materials for more in depth research, are to be developed. The trail will be available as a leaflet. Six plaques are to be erected at the main points of interest along the trail. The play script will be available for schools who may wish to use it to investigate local history

## **3. Minutes of the last meeting on**

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

## **4. Treasurer's Report:**

JD reported that the LHP account balance at bank as of 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014 was **£3,183.80**.

JD indicated that she would like to stand down as Treasurer at the next AGM in September. JL thanked Janet for all her hard work over several years.

If no other member of the Group wanted to stand as Treasurer, KP volunteered for Madeley Town Council to manage the budget on behalf of the Group. This was welcomed by the Group members. This will be formally put forward for consideration at the AGM.

JD confirmed that the current designated people authorised to sign cheques are:-

- **John Powell**
- **Marilyn Higson**
- **Dave Davies**
- **Janet Doody.**

Given that three of these people are no longer actively involved in the Project and Janet wishes to stand down as Treasurer in September, it is important to identify new signatories.

It was agreed that all four existing people would be formally removed as signatories.

The following people were identified as new signatories

- **Jon Lloyd**
- **Councillor Sue Taylor**
- **Councillor Gill Green**

AR would sort out the necessary paperwork and notify the Coop Bank of the changes to signatories.

JD also suggested that the list of Trustees also needs to be updated on the Charity Commission website to reflect the changes on the Management Committee. It was agreed that the following people should be included as trustees.

- **Janet Doody**
- **Jon Lloyd**
- **Veronica Jubb**
- **Grant Foden**
- **Councillor Gill Green**
- **Councillor Sue Taylor**

All the retired or non active members will be removed.

Sandy Pledger would be contacted to see if she wished to be added.

JD will update the details on the Charity Commission website.

## **5. Update on Madeley Town Council Projects:**

### **5i: Lumley Hall:**

### **5ii: Anstice Hall:**

Town Council has submitted an offer of £50k to the Liquidators to acquire the Anstice on behalf of the local community. Our bid is not acceptable in its current form as it is indicated that the amount will not cover outstanding debts/liabilities. Liquidators have been asked to provide a breakdown of the costs.

KP considers that a strong bid could be made to the Big Lottery for funding to refurbish the building.

Further meeting of the Anstice Community Team (ACT) is taking place next week.

The Town Council is looking to take up legal advice.

### **5iii: War Memorial & Commemorative plaque**

Site next to the war memorial has been chosen as the preferred location for the commemorative paving stone for Major CAL Yate V.C.. These are being provided by the Government for all VC winners to mark the centenary of the First World War. The stones are now in production.

The intention is that each stone is laid on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the action for which the VC was awarded. The very first stones will be laid on 23 August 2014. Stones will be delivered at least four weeks before the anniversary, and it is expected that all stones will have been delivered by spring 2015.

Rather than just fit the paving stone into an existing, rather tired, paved area, it was decided that the provision of a new paved area around the war memorial should be investigated in order to create a more attractive environment for Remembrance services.

A local firm Pleydell Smithyman were commissioned to prepare a scheme, funded by the Town Council. The scheme has gone out the public consultation and has been supported by local people.

A preliminary submission has been made to Veolia to see if they would provide grant funding for the project. A decision has not yet been received.

Telford & Wrekin Council owns Russell Green and has been fully consulted throughout the design process. They would be prepared to carry out the landscaping works, if funding could be found to cover their costs.

## 6. Update on Madeley History Group projects

### 6i: **Madeley: My Town (100<sup>th</sup> edition of Madeley Matters in August 2014)**

As members will know the HLF lottery bid was successful and work is now well underway. Shelagh Hampton was appointed to work with the Madeley History Group to research and write articles for each decade. Work is progressing well. A more detailed timetable was sent out to members with the agenda. The intention is to get the magazine published in August.

Maggie Humphry was appointed to run workshops in local schools to work up designs to use in the special edition. Four local primary schools (St Mary's, John Randall, John Fletcher and William Reynolds) took part in the project. 10 entries were submitted by each school. They have been judged by a panel (Maggie Humphry, Dave Wallis and Claire Harrigan from Madeley library) and 6 designs were chosen for use in the magazine. All the entries are on display in Madeley library until mid-July.

### 6ii **Additional plaque on Old Infant school in Church Street**

Members will recall that they were consulted by email earlier in the year about part funding another plaque on the former Infant school in Church Street. The owner Dilys Davis has had a change of heart and now wants a plaque on her property. The members agreed in principle to fund half of the cost.

AR has sought a quote from the plaque manufacturers. The quote for the manufacture and erection of the plaque is **£380.15**. This would mean a contribution of £190 from the Living History project. This was agreed.

AR will now discuss with Dilys Davis to agree the location and wording on the plaque.

## 7. Possible future projects

Given the current workload and other projects that might need to be progressed, it was agreed that the Heritage Day would not be run this year.

As regards the WHS festival, it was felt that the Town Council had already shown its support by its involvement in the Past Lives project which is scheduled to hold the final performance on Ironbridge World Heritage Day (20<sup>th</sup> September). The Nine Men of Madeley project is also scheduled to take place in September. Again, there were other projects that were a greater priority.

There was general support for both the Mary Fletcher and Thomas Parker events next year. It was suggested that contact was made with John Freeman of the plant hire business on Halesfield who is a strong devotee of Thomas Parker and might be interested in getting involved.

## 8. AOB

It was agreed that Richard Bifield will be invited as the guest speaker for the AGM (Richard has since confirmed that he can attend on the **11<sup>th</sup> September. 7.00 start**. I have booked a room at Jubilee House but note the suggestion of possible alternative venues. These will be investigated. Richard does charge a fee of £65 to cover his expenses. I assume that is acceptable.)

As indicated above, members of the LHP have been supporting the Past Lives Project which is being organised by IGMT. It is about creating new art, film, music and performance from heritage archives, particularly cine film.

Madeley hosted a workshop on the 10<sup>th</sup> May where local people were invited to bring along old cine film and other material. This is being used to create a new film to be shown in September. It was a well-attended event and the cream teas were excellent!

The team are taking part in further workshops. One is planned for the 21st June at the Blitz Hill event - A 1940's themed evening on the Home Front.

The team are looking for suggestions for another venue for an event in late June or early/mid July. Dawley Town Hall and Birch Meadow in Broseley were suggested as possible venues. AR will feed back to the team.

In connection with this project. John Corrock has asked for **£305** to obtain a local copy of the digitised cine film from the Past Lives team. This will be made publically accessible. This contribution was agreed. KP will notify John.

VJ asked if the Madeley History Group could be given a **£50** petty cash float to pay for the Groups running costs. This was agreed.

**9. Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September (Jubilee House - provisional)**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.**