

**Madeley Living History Project**  
**Minutes of Management Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013, 7.00pm**  
**Jubilee House**

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**Present:** Jonathan Lloyd (JL), Cllr. Sue Taylor (ST), Janet Doody (JD), Grant Foden (GF), Veronica Jubb (VJ)

**In Attendance:** Andy Rose (AR)

**Apologies:** Cllr. Gill Green (GG), Paul Belford (PB), Sandy Pledger (SP).

Jonathan Lloyd was unanimously re-elected as chairman of the Committee.

**1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013:**

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

**ii: Matters Arising**

PB had confirmed by email that he intends to step down from the Committee at, or before, the next AGM. This is because he would not be residing in Telford after February 2014.

It was agreed that Committee members would think about local people who could be approached to become a community rep on the Committee.

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

JD reported that the LHP account balance at bank as of 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013 was £3,263.11. The budget had been used to pay for the first 50 calendars and another 150 had been ordered.

John Powell had been one of the designated people authorised to sign cheques. Now that John had retired, JD needs a new signatory to sign cheques. Jonathan Lloyd volunteered. Janet will check if Jonathan is already authorised. If not, she will sort out directly with him.

**4. Update on LHP Projects:**

**3i: Lumley Hall:**

As reported previously AR is working with Martin Shaw from the Madeley Music Project, to secure funding for the first phase refurbishment of Lumley Hall, which has been costed at £80,000. The Regeneration Partnership has committed £50,000 to the project. A bid is being prepared to secure the remaining £30,000 from Veolia.

Before the bid is submitted, further work needs to be done to collate supporting information. At present there is insufficient information available about the current and future usage of the building. A questionnaire is going to be included in the February edition of Madeley Matters.

**3ii: 2014 Calendar:**

VJ reported that the calendar had been produced. The Group were very pleased with the design. The calendar was being sold from Jubilee House reception. Posters had been erected around the Town. John Corrock had produced an excellent DVD to promote the calendar. Unfortunately, the sale of calendars had slowed and the launch event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November had not been well attended.

VJ will approach other local venues to see if they will sell the calendar.

AR will check if the calendar can be advertised on MTC web site.

**3iii: Heritage day (14<sup>th</sup> Sept)**

AR reported that the event had taken place. It was linked to the National Heritage Days event. Details were placed on their web site. AR had tried to actively promote the event, contacting the Shropshire Star on several occasions. A leaflet was produced that was handed out on the day to visitors. 10 properties were open on the day. The following suggestions were made:-

- Feedback indicated that there were approx. 50 people who toured around the properties. VJ thought that it might be better to allow a longer time for people to get around the properties or stagger the times. It was a bit of a rush to get around all of them in 4 hours, especially if you wanted refreshments. Some people missed Madeley Hall because it was only open two hours. It was also difficult to find the proper entrance so better signage would have helped.
- AR was disappointed in the press coverage. It might be better to choose a different day when there is not so much competition around the country.
- AR agreed that planning a similar event next year should start much earlier. If other private properties are persuaded to open it needs more thought about insurance cover etc.
- JL suggested a treasure hunt with clues at each venue. You could win a prize if you submitted the winning entry.

**4. Future Projects**

**4i: Madeley: My Town (100<sup>th</sup> edition of Madeley Matters in August 2014)**

To commemorate the hundredth edition of the Parish magazine "Madeley Matters", the Town Council intends to produce a special edition in August 2014. It would include stories about the Madeley area over the last hundred years (1914 to 2014).

The Town Council would manage the overall project but would like to bring in specialists to work with volunteers.

Members of the Madeley History Group will be invited to research and write newspaper style articles for each decade. It may include articles based upon information from Shropshire Archives or by capturing reminiscences or oral recordings. Local people would be invited to share any unseen documents, photographs, postcards etc. It has been suggested that Shelagh Hampton would be brought back to manage the research and production of the newsletter.

School children would also be invited to enter a competition to design a front cover for the special edition. A professional artist would be employed to run half day workshops with the seven primary schools in the Parish. This will give the children the opportunity to gain knowledge of their local heritage as well as exploring their own creativity. A panel of people involved with the project will judge the entries.

A lottery bid has been made to fund the project. A decision is expected on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

**4ii: 100th Anniversary of start of WW1**

The Town Council was invited by Telford & Wrekin Council to advise on the best location for a commemorative paving stone for Major CAL Yate V.C., a local man who was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously on 2<sup>nd</sup> August

1919. These are being provided by the Government for all VC winners to mark the centenary of the First World War in 2014.

Initial discussion with the British Legion suggested a location close to the war memorial on Russell Green would be their preference.

Furthermore, rather than just fit the paving stone into an existing 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.

The views of local people have been sought, through a questionnaire and an article in Madeley Matters. The questionnaire was available from the Jubilee House reception and on the poppy stall in Tesco's.

So far, 36 questionnaires have been returned. All but one has supported the location of the paving stone by the war memorial and the provision of new paving around the war memorial.

Discussions have taken place with Telford & Wrekin Council who own the War Memorial and the surrounding area. They would be prepared to carry out the landscaping works, if funding could be found to cover their costs. However, they do not have the expertise available in house to design the landscaping works. It is important to have a scheme worked up that has the support of the local community before any bids are made for external grant funding. Having a professional costed up design really strengthens any bid.

Accordingly, 3 private landscape design firms were invited to quote for carrying out the design work, including any further public consultation.

Two quotes were received. F & GP Committee is due to discuss funding of the project next week.

**5. AOB**

None

**6. Date of next meetings**

Provisional dates were suggested for next year.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at Jubilee House 7.00 p.m.**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June at Jubilee House – 7.00 p.m.**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September. This would be the AGM. Suggestions for possible speakers or other venues would be welcome.**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at Jubilee House – 7.00 p.m.**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.**