



Wigan Local History & Heritage Society

Minutes: Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.15 pm.

1. Presentation by Caroline Heaven:

Local historian Caroline Heaven, a member of the British Titanic Society, gave a most interesting presentation on the fate of the Titanic and the people who sailed on her. Caroline has long been interested in the Titanic's fate, and through her research she has unearthed some fascinating connections with Wigan, ranging from Captain Smith himself, to the crew and the infamous 'Black Gang'. An interesting question and answer session took place following the presentation.

2. Members meeting - Apologies were received from: Carl Middleton, Eric and Ann Curless, Christine Berry, Pam Thomas, Audrey Welsh.

3. Minutes of last meeting held on Monday 10th February 2020

were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting. Proposed by Sheila Ramsdale and seconded by Tom Walsh.

4. Matters arising.

The missing paintings of the Gidlow Sisters and stained glass windows have still not been found. This will be followed up with freedom of information requests to Wigan Council and to the Hospital Trust.

Action point 1: The Secretary will write to Wigan Council and to the Hospital Trust requesting information.



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5. Treasurer Report

The treasurer sent a note outlining the Society's current funds, which total £324.25

6. Wigan Historic Buildings Preservation Trust update- Peter Fleetwood.

There has been good progress made on the Common Seal project, and Peter outlined the process that will follow, for example, drilling, pinning and cleaning is to take place.

7. Update on Wigan Local History and Heritage Hub Network. - Peter Fleetwood - web page, logo, mission statement etc

This is ongoing.

8. Covid-19 Risk Assessments and future meetings.

The secretary advised that it is necessary to follow the guidelines issued by NHS and will act accordingly.

9. Trips - discussion

This will be dependent on the progression of Covid 19, and NHS guidelines

10. Any other business

A voice enhancer has been purchased, to enable clearer speech for any members experiencing difficulties hearing. The cost of this is £45.99