



Wigan Local History & Heritage Society

Minutes of the Members Meeting held on Monday 15th November 2021 via Zoom at 7:00pm

1. Number of Members present and Apologies for absence.

18 members were present and apologies were received from: John Richardson

2. Minutes of previous meeting October 2021.

These were unanimously agreed as an accurate account of the meeting.

Proposed by Karen Garner

Seconded by Richard Simpson

3. Matters Arising: Clare

All Action Points were covered within following agenda items.

4. Eckersley Mill. - Andy Lomax

Response to FOI received 26th October:

Anthony Lowe from Historic England, Historic Places, Mills of the North Campaign is working with Wigan Council but there are 'sensitivities'

Following discussions with AL as a representative of WLHHS, both Pagefield and Eckersley Mills were identified as urgent priority.

It is felt that significant progress has been made.

November AP1. Contact A Brogan re Mills at risk - Andy L

5. Treasurer update and subscriptions

New bank Account is now up and running.

Balance from the previous account with Yorkshire Bank has been transferred into the new account.

A grant for £500 ring fenced to buy video equipment has been received from WC as part of the Communities recovery fund.

A request for advice on what to purchase was made.

A discussion took place around the subscription rates and it was proposed by David Fox that a flat rate fee of £10 per annum should be charged for the period 2021-22. There will be no charge for entry to presentations unless it is a fee charging speaker.

This was agreed unanimously.



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November AP2. Draw up a draft list for suitable video equipment - Christian F.

6. Presentation Meetings

The first live face to face meeting took place at the new venue Real Crafty in Wigan on 8th November when Richard S gave a very interesting talk on the election scandal of Sir Francis Sharp Powell, which was very well received by a large audience despite there being hiccups with the slides. Christian managed to work wonders and edited and recorded it successfully. A dedicated WLHHS You Tube Channel has been set up to upload recorded talks on to.

Draft calendar of speakers for 2022.

A discussion took place around a list of speakers for the following year.

Clare informed members of some fabulous news for the January meeting, Ian Miller has agreed to speak at the meeting on Coccium and Roman Wigan.

Arrangements for the Christmas meeting in December.

A discussion took place.

November AP3. Members Lynn S, Denise W and Clare K to meet up Monday 22nd November to organise the next meeting at Real Crafty in December. They will decide on the catering and arrangements for the quiz, raffle and entertainment for the evening.

7. The Galleries Redevelopment update

The redevelopment plans were accepted with conditions at the planning committee meeting which took place on November 2

WLHHS will send a letter to Wigan Council to inform them that they wish to be considered as stakeholders and be actively involved in the process of decision making regarding the re-siting of the heritage assets which will be removed from the site.

November AP4. Create and prepare a list of heritage assets currently in the Galleries Complex - Bob S

November AP5. Draft a letter to be submitted to Wigan Council requesting that WLHHS be actively involved in the process regarding the disposal and re-siting of the heritage assets from the Galleries complex - Derek W

8. Working Group Reports:



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- Projects, Archives and Training: Peter

WLHHS continues to have a large global audience. Peter updated the meeting on the progress in the search for the lost paintings of the Gidlow Sisters and the Common Seal Stonework , he then outlined a number of new articles now available on the WLHHS website.

He gave an update on the Wigan Buildings website - The original BLINT list data has now been uploaded. There has been over 900 visits to the site.

Volunteers are required to help with buildings in conservation areas.

- Cultural Consortium: Neil

Arts Council - Artists are now sorted for first part of the project - digital and on the street. Project progressing nicely.

- KS HAZ The Street That Was:

A CIC with a 3-5 year responsibility is required to continue the work beyond 2023

Tyldesley HAZ CIC. Neil has suggested we could link up with them for a discussion.

9. Social Media Reports - Clare

No report this month.

10. Any other Business

Andy gave an update on 'Save the Field'

11. Date and time of next meeting:

Presentation Meeting: December 13th 7pm at Real Crafty - Christmas Quiz and party.

Members Meeting: December 20th 7pm via Zoom