



Wigan Local History & Heritage Society

Minutes of the Members Meeting on Monday 16th May 2022 via Zoom at 7:00pm

1. Number of Members present and Apologies for absence.

15 members were present and apologies were received from:
John Gostellow, Glynis Davies, Rita Fell, Lesley Price, Peter Fleetwood

2. Minutes of previous meeting in April 2022 were agreed but with two amendments:

1. Record apologies from Derek Winstanley and to state that the vice Chair Paul Kenyon chaired the meeting in Derek's absence.
2. To change 'Wigan Council Archive Storage Facility' to 'Wigan Council Museum Storage Facility'

Members then approved the minutes unanimously, proposed by Pam Thomas and seconded by Denise Walsh.

3. Matters Arising: Clare

Action Points

November AP5, regarding Galleries Asset Disposal, still ongoing, Secretary to write to Melanie Lamb

January AP5, regarding Tribute to Wigan Cotton Workers Art work still ongoing, Derek to make final decision.

January AP6, regarding visit to Wigan Council Museum Storage Facility - completed. 5 members will visit 14th Jun at 2pm, and on Friday 17th June at 10am a talk by Louisa Atahari will take place for a small group of members - Andy

February AP1, regarding training session on recording presentations. Ongoing - David

March AP1, regarding calendar of speakers, to be covered in agenda item 7

March AP2, regarding online research training sessions, 3 completed and a fourth session to be arranged later in the year - Jim

March AP3, regarding arrangements for Boat Trip, to be covered in agenda item 4

March AP4, regarding history walk along Canal Flight, to be arranged to take place in June - Neil.

April At Risk Building of the Month not featured. Bob agreed to become an admin for the FB page to assist with workload.



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4. Canal Trip.

Jim, Paul and Neil gave updates on the history points to be covered on the trip. A tour of Arley Hall has been arranged. Picnic boxes and soft drinks will be prepared by Clare, Lynne and Denise. A vote of thanks was given to Derek's wife Linda for kindly paying for lunch. A meeting to finalise arrangements is to be organised via Zoom ASAP. - Clare

5. Treasurer update and membership subscriptions - Neil L

It was reported that the bank balance has £842 in the account. A further 3 people joined at the last meeting taking advantage of the half price membership subscription, taking membership up to 97.

6. At Risk Building of the Month - Peter F

No report.

7. Presentations and Talks

The calendar is provisionally filled up to the September 2022 meeting when the current year ends and the AGM takes place. The Secretary is now taking bookings for the following year November to September 2023.

Brian Groom has kindly offered to do two presentations: Twenty Northerners that have fascinated and inspired me, including George Formby Senior, the 'singing nightingale' and a second talk on how the climate and geography has shaped the North.

Eric Curless has offered to do a talk on Thomas Linacre.

May AP1 Write to members asking for offers to present any research findings in 2023.- Secretary

8. Working Group Reports:

Archives and Training: Peter F - No report

Cultural Consortium: Neil L - No report

KS HAZ The Street That Was: Clare/Jim - No report

9. Websites and Social Media Reports. Peter/Clare

No report.



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10. Any other Business

1. A discussion took place regarding archives and training.
2. Andy highlighted some art work based on Wigan heritage buildings by a local artist John Walters
3. There are new aerial photographs on Historic England showing Mills and Industrial sites.
4. Peter, Andy and Bob to be made admins on the FB page.

11. Date and time of next meeting:

June 13th Presentation at Real Crafty - Pony Dick. A Lost Community between Winstanley and Wigan.

June 20th Members Meeting via Zoom at 7pm