



Wigan Local History & Heritage Society

Minutes of a Members Meeting on Monday 20th February 2023 via Zoom at 7:00pm

1. Number of Members present: 12

Apologies for absence: David Fox, Bob Sanders, Denise Walsh, Lesley Price, William Woodcock, John Richardson

2. Minutes of previous meeting November 2022.

Proposed by Lynn Sahin and seconded by Jan Bannister.

An amendment to item 7 was agreed: Chapels at Ince Cemetery, not Westwood.

Members then approved the minutes unanimously,

3. Matters Arising: Clare

Action Points:

1. July AP1: Arrange a further visit to St Wilfred's Church - Andy to arrange for February completed 18th February with excellent turnout 21 people.

2. August AP1: Raise the profile of history and heritage in Wigan Town Centre - On hold until after the Consultation meeting on a proposed Wigan Heritage and Arts Trust at the Old Courts 26/01/23 - completed

The Secretary attended the meeting on behalf of WLHHS, Peter F on behalf of Wigan Buildings and Peter T, The Civic Trust. An outline of the meeting was given. It was agreed that the Society will register an interest to help support the next phase of development.

February AP1: write to Old Courts to register WLHHS interest to support the next phase of development - Secretary.

February AP2: write to Wigan Council outlining WLHHS aims to raise the profile of history and heritage in Wigan Town Centre. - Chair

**4. October AP1 Research Market Hall Clock - completed
It was found that the clock is the original Victorian Clock.**

Jan AP1: set up project group to save the Market Hall Clock - KG, NL, DW, CK, AL completed

February AP3: arrange a meeting. Secretary.



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4. Treasurer update - Neil L

Neil gave a brief overview of the accounts. Looking healthy.

5. Working Group reports:

Cultural Consortium - Neil:

Outlined plans for July festival.

Archives and Training - Andy:

Peter and Bob volunteer one day a week and are helping archives digitise an index base and to digitise documents.

Positive about involvement and keen to engage.

Researching background to museum objects 8/10 completed using Graces Guide.

A presentation of a book in honour of Sam Woods who was an MP for Ince, will be gifted to his surviving relatives at the Museum.

KS HAZ research group - Jan:

A report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

6. Websites and Social Media Reports:

Peter - Business as usual, continuing well.

Clare - no specific report, but all SM accounts ticking over nicely.

A request for members to post more on the SM platforms was made.

7. At Risk Building of the Month - Peter F:

No report.

8. Wigan Buildings - Andy:

Ticking over, nothing specific to report.

Planning a Spring recruitment campaign for new volunteers to photograph buildings of interest.

A discussion took place on Eckersley Mill plans.

Civic Trust has been consulted over the plans for Eckersley Mill.

Peter T reported that it looks like quite a good application. He offered to send a copy of the Civic Trust' response to Andy.

February AP3. send a copy of the Civic Trust' response to Andy. - P Taylor

9. Trips, visits, events - events team:

Circumstances have prevented the events team from meeting and it is hoped this can be resolved asap.



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10. Presentations:

2023 Calendar showing availability for May, June, September and November.

Recommendations put forward by members: Alan Davies, Sean Jinks, Joseph O'Neil, Neil Davies, two Eileens, Pete Moss.

Speakers who are not members of WLHHS are more likely to charge a fee.

It was agreed by the Treasurer to allocate a fund of £500 for this purpose.

A discussion regarding passing the costs onto members and guests in the form of a door charge.

It was decided rather than charge it will be better to raise funds via a raffle should the need arise.

11. Newsletter:

Pete Moss has kindly offered to design future newsletters and asked if the Secretary will send content to him.

A discussion took place about content and it was suggested that a feature article with contributions by members will be good. This could be in the form of facts, research updates, artefacts, memories, photographs etc.

February AP4: write to members requesting contributions for newsletter. - Secretary

12. Member Research updates - open:

William Woodcock contributed via email: has agreed to send his memories of St Anne's Church to Will Sharpe. He outlined his research on his great Uncle Abraham Woodcock, a railway employee.

13. Any other Business

None

12. Date and time of next meeting:

Presentation: Monday 13th March, at Real Crafty, 7pm. An historical stroll along the Leeds Liverpool Canal from Adlington to Top Lock by Paul Kenyon

Members Monthly Meeting: Monday 20th March, at 7pm via Zoom.