

QUEENBOROUGH SOCIETY MINUTES OF A.G.M. HELD IN THE GUILDHALL  
ON FRIDAY 8th MARCH 2016

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Mr. P. Reckless(Chairman) Mrs. L. Vine (Secretary)  
Mrs. A. Mason Mr. G. Mason  
Mrs. P. Harris Mr. E. Pye  
Mr. P. Moore  
8 Members were in attendance

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received for Mrs. S. Harris, Mr & Mrs. Eatwell, Mrs. O'Callaghan, and members Mr. & Mrs. Boosey and Mrs. Barker. It was reported that Mrs. Mitchell has now moved out of the area.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the AGM held on Friday 10th April 2015 were presented and agreed to be a true record. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(9) It was noted that Queenborough & Rushenden in Bloom had received a silver medal in the South East in Bloom competition. The committee had also attended an award evening for volunteers arranged by Swale Borough Council where they received a runners up certificate.

(9) No progress to report at the moment. Turbines are to be delivered in April Mr. Mason will continue to watch for any activity on planning.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that it had been a fairly light year. The following activities had been arranged and enjoyed by all; August - picnic in the park, September fish & chip supper, Autumn Social where the Abbott Cup was awarded to the Philippa and Colin Harvey had shown his film on the Titanic. Committee members had enjoyed the Christmas Meal at Nic's Restaurant. More recently the committee met up with Robin Murch at his art exhibition in the Church.

The committee receive regular reports from the Museum, the Harbour Trust and the Town Council.

The Society keeps an eye on the wellbeing of Queenborough in general and supports Queenborough in Bloom by cleaning the memorial. Graham Mason is watching Peel Ports proposals as there is no Sheerness Society.

Yellow lines will be implemented at Main Road/Stanley Road junctions after a letter from the Society (but might not be directly related). The only item to be resolved is the Queenborough Charity where the postmaster is the sticking point despite Mavis and Ted's best efforts. At this point Mr. Pye reported that the postmaster is insisting on a letter from the Church which so far has not been forthcoming. It was said that Robin Murch had been Chair of the Charity and it may be worth mentioning to him. Mrs. Mason will be attending the AGM of the Parish and if the opportunity arose would bring this up at the meeting.

The Chairman than thanked all that had attended and to all the committee member, especially the Secretary) for their continued support.

The report was accepted with thanks to Mr. Reckless.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Vine reported on the Museum.

The report contained details of visitor numbers and Museum involvements over the past year. The report was accepted with thanks to Mrs. Vine. The report is included with the minutes for information.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

With the absence of Mrs. O'Callaghan details of the accounts were passed to the committee, with no questions the figures were accepted by all and signed by the Chairman. These are filed with the minutes.

Mrs Vine produced the account figures for the Museum. Details are filed with these minutes. With no questions the accounts were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

7. MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Mrs. Harris reported that at the moment there were 15 paid members with more annual fees to be collected. Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Vine will continue to take responsibility for membership.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEE

Mrs. Vine that the position of Chairman be continued by Mr. Reckless seconded by Mr. Moore and agreed unanimously.

The rest of the officers of the committee will remain the same as proposed by Mrs. Harris and seconded by Mr. Moore and agreed unanimously.

*Chairman – Mr. P. Reckless*

*Vice Chairman – Mrs. P. Harris*

*Secretary - Mrs. L. Vine*

*Treasurer - Mrs. M. O'Callaghan*

*Membership Secretary –Mrs. Harris & Mrs. Vine*

Mrs. Vine proposed that all remaining committee members be voted in block for a further year, seconded by Mr. Mason and agreed unanimously;

Committee:

Mr. E. Pye

Mrs. S. Harris

Mrs. A. Mason

Mr. G. Mason

Mr. P. Moore

Mr. R. Eatwell

Mrs. E. Eatwell

9. MEMBERS FORUM

There were 8 members present.

From the floor. The film on the Titanic had been most enjoyable.

10. NEXT AGM

Friday 7th April 2017

Members then enjoyed watching the Chairman's film of his holiday in the Galapagos Islands and Peru.

Refreshments were served.

## MUSEUM REPORT 2015

The Museum has received 360 visitors this year, down on last year. Some visitors were lost due to the bad weather on the day of the street market but there may be a need to look at marketing for this season.

A new custom built Museum cabinet was purchased with money from the Oyster Fisheries Trust and Queenborough Mayor and looks very impressive. It was hoped that the artefacts found during excavation for the Sheppey crossing would be held in this but these are still awaited due to the lack of response from the land owners giving their permission for the findings to be moved to Queenborough. The cabinet it replaced has been moved to the social history room and now holds the items received from Queenborough Fire Station after its closure. The items include brass fittings, nozzles, badges, buttons and awards and sits alongside the existing photographs.

A large amount of rubbish has been removed from the area behind the door at the end of the corridor between the main room and the gaol area. Some of this was done on freighter day and SBC helped with the remainder. Four large black dustbin bags were found full of paperwork, this was gone through and papers of interest filed and sorted. Most related to the re-constitution in the late 60's. Other papers of interest included council work sheets, old reports and information on housing. These are now on file for information or reference.

As in previous years we laid a wreath at the Wildfire service and opened out of normal hours for a number of individual and group visits. Further groups have already booked for the coming months and we are going out to give a talk to Abbey WI shortly.

After the success of our film we secured a grant from SBC to produce a second film of the Museums main area and the gaol with the aid of Colin Harvey. As this includes a lot of information on the minesweepers we approached the school who allowed the choir to learn some songs relating to Queenborough to be used as background music. An appropriate script was written and filming completed the beginning of March we are awaiting the finished product for our approval and as soon as physically possible the launch date will be arranged and invites sent out.

We continue to renew our fire policy as necessary and are working on bringing the museum catalogue of items up to date, the downstairs area being done. The water, smoke and burglar alarms are tested regularly and all electrical items PAC tested.

L. Vine

