

QUEENBOROUGH SOCIETY MINUTES OF A.G.M. HELD IN THE GUILDHALL
ON FRIDAY 7th APRIL 2017

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Mr. P. Reckless(Chairman) Mrs. L. Vine (Secretary)
Mrs. A. Mason Mr. G. Mason
Mrs. O'Callaghan Mr. E. Pye
Mr. R. Eatwell

3 Members were in attendance

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received for Mr. Moore, Mrs. Eatwell and Mrs. P. Harris and for members Mr. & Mrs. Boosey, Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Brett .

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the AGM held on Friday 1st April 2016 were presented and agreed to be a true record. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(9) No activity in connection with Peel Ports.

(4) Ashley Spiel has been discussing the Queenborough Charity with Mr. Pye and has reported that the vicar has written to the Post Master asking for the return of the charity papers to the Church. Thanks were given to Ashley and Mrs. Mason for taking this up.

(4) Extra play equipment on the Well Bank play area was supposed to have started in March.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that it had been another light year for the Society. He spoke about the gradual improvements to the town including a new cafe in Railway Terrace, the re-opening of the chip shop, renovation and extension to the Philippa, Church lighting, new waste bins and 106 new houses to be built.

The Chairman went on to mention the several social events enjoyed by committee and members including the picnic in the park, fish & chip supper, Autumn Social and Christmas dinner.

The Chairman further reported that the Society decided to officially support the Charter Committee and the Society now has a website.

The Chairman than thanked all that had attended and to all the committee members, (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. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. The report was accepted with thanks to Mrs. Vine.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. O'Callaghan passed copies of the accounts to the committee, with no questions the figures were accepted by all and signed by the Chairman. It was noted that the Secretary was now a signatory to the account.

Mrs Vine produced the account figures for the Museum. Details of both accounts are

filed with these minutes. With no questions the accounts were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

7. MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

In the absence of Mrs. Harris Mrs. O'Callaghan reported 26 paid up members.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEE

Mrs. Vine reported that Mrs. Harris will be standing down as Vice Chairman as she is due to have a hip replacement operation, but will be resuming attendance with the Society when she is able.

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

With no one willing or able to stand as Vice Chairman Mrs. Vine offered to take meetings if Mr. Reckless was absent. This was agreed by all present.

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

Chairman – Mr. P. Reckless

Vice Chairman – Mrs. L. Vine

Secretary - Mrs. L. Vine

Treasurer - Mrs. M. O'Callaghan

Membership Secretary – 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

Mr. P. Moore

Mr. R. Eatwell

Mrs. A. Mason

Mr. G. Mason

Mrs. E. Eatwell

9. MEMBERS FORUM

There were 3 members present.

It was noted by Mrs. Mason that the Vicar is on a sabbatical to Russia, China and Canada. It was further reported that the Parish is in financial straits and there is talk of selling the Queenborough Church Hall and the Queenborough Silver Plate at present on display at Leeds Castle. There was a discussion and the Society members and committee clearly stated that they would be adverse to the selling of the Queenborough Plate. The Vestry fund stands at £65,000 and the original estimate has gone up. When the Vestry is completed it will have the facilities at present being used in the Church Hall.

10. NEXT AGM

Friday 6th April 2018

QUEENBOROUGH GUILDHALL MUSEUM REPORT 2016

IN 2016 THE QUEENBOROUGH GUILDHALL MUSEUM RECEIVED 461 ADULTS AND CHILDREN AND HOSTED SEVERAL GROUP VISITS INCLUDING THE BEAVERS, CHILDREN'S SUMMER PLAY GROUP, ARCHITECTS AND THE ABBEY W.I. THE MUSEUM OPENED FOR THE WORLD WAR ONE REINACTMENT TRAIN EVENT AND THE WILDFIRE III PARADE WHERE A WREATH WAS LAID.

WITH REFERENCE TO GROUP VISITS WE NOW OFFER TEA, COFFEE AND BISCUITS WITH HELP FROM TWO W.I. LADIES WHO VOLUNTEER TO DO THE HONOURS AND SERVE THE REFRESHMENTS, THIS PRODUCES A SMALL BUT WELCOME EXTRA INCOME.

MAY 2016 SAW THE LAUNCH OF THE MUSEUM'S SECOND FILM, THIS TIME RECORDING THE DOWNSTAIRS AREAS AND MORE DETAILS REGARDING THE MINESWEEPER BASE. THIS HAS RESULTED IN A CONNECTION WITH THE IMPERIAL MUSEUM IN LONDON AND THE SWAPPING OF PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH THE MUSEUM HELD AND THEY DID NOT. THIS HAS ALSO LEAD TO AN INVITATION TO MAKE ANOTHER FILM SOLELY RELATED TO THE MINESWEEPING BASE IN QUEENBOROUGH WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY BE ON SHOW AT THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM. WORK ON THE SCRIPT FOR THIS HAS BEEN STARTED AND WE ARE ONCE AGAIN WORKING WITH COLIN HARVEY. THE DECISION THIS YEAR WAS MADE TO PUT OUR FILMS OUT FOR SALE SO BOTH FILMS ARE COMBINED ON ONE DVD AND SELL FOR £10, PROCEEDS BEING SHARED WITH COLIN HARVEY WHO PRODUCES THEM FOR THE MUSEUM AND THE MUSEUM'S SHARE GOING DIRECTLY TO FUNDS.

THE MUSEUM IS ALSO WELL REPRESENTED ON THE CHARTER CELEBRATION COMMITTEE WHICH IS ORGANISING EVENTS TO CELEBRATE OUR ROYAL CHARTER FROM EDWARD III, 2018 BEING THE 650TH ANNIVERSARY. THE MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS HAVE VISITED THE ARCHIVES AT MAIDSTONE AND KEW, WESTMINSTER ABBEY AND THE V & A FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES WHICH NOT ONLY HELPS THE CHARTER EVENT COMMITTEE BUT ENHANCES THE VOLUNTEERS KNOWLEDGE OF QUEENBOROUGH AND THE CONNECTIONS WITH EDWARD. THE MUSEUM WILL BE HOLDING AN EXHIBITION THROUGHOUT THE CELEBRATIONS SET TO START FROM 7TH MAY 2018.

WE STILL RECEIVE ENQUIRIES THROUGH THE MUSEUM WEB-SITE, E-MAILS AND LETTERS. WE TRY TO MAINTAIN A CLOSE LINK WITH THE HARBOUR TRUST, CHURCH, QUEENBOROUGH SOCIETY, LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE TOWN COUNCIL.

WE CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR FIRE RISK POLICY, VOLUNTEERS HANDBOOK ETC. UP TO DATE AND MAKE SURE WE ARE AVAILABLE TO OPEN FOR THE INTRUDER ALARM AND SMOKE ALARM TESTING, ELECTRIC AND WATER TESTING AND ANY MAINTANENCE REQUIRED TO BE CARRIED OUT BY SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

OUR FORWARD PLAN FOR 2017 WILL BE MAINLY TAKEN UP WITH THE CHARTER CELEBRATION PREPERATIONS, MAKING THE FILM FOR THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM AND GENERAL UP- KEEP. WE WOULD HOPE TO UPDATE OUR LAP TOP AND PROGRAMMES AT A LATER DATE. ALSO THIS YEAR WE HAVE JOINED WITH 25 OTHER MUSUEMS TO PROMOTE HISTORY AND HERITAGE TO 5 TO 11 YEAR OLD CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS IN A PROJECT CALLED 'WHEELS OF TIME'. THE PROJECT COMES UNDER THE ASHFORD MUSUEM BANNER WHO HAVE RAISED GRANT MONEY FOR THE PROJECT WHICH ORIGINALLY STARTED IN 2016 WITH 16 MUSEUMS TAKING PART. PROVING A SUCESS THIS YEAR SEES ITS EXPANSION TO 25 MUSUEMS INCLUDING ALL OF THOSE ON THE ISLAND. EACH MUSEUM HAS ITS OWN BADGE AND ONE WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH CHILD VISITING THE MUSEUMS INVOLVED. THE FEE FOR QUEENBOROUGH JOINING WAS £10 TOWARDS THE COST OF THE BADGES WE HAVE 200, LEAFLETS AND LIMITED EDITION LANYARDS. WE GAVE OUT OUR FIRST BADGE ON SATURDAY.

I TAKE THIS OPPORUNITY TO THANK THE SOCIETY FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GIVE THANKS TO OUR MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS AND W.I. TEA LADIES ALL KEEP THE MUSEUM RUNNING.

