



QUEENBOROUGH SOCIETY

A meeting of the committee was held at 8 North Road, on 4th March 2022 to discuss the future of the Queenborough Society.

Those in attendance were Mrs. Harris, Mrs Vine, Mr & Mrs Mason, Mr. Moore. Mrs. O'Callaghan joined for part of the meeting and apologies had been received from Mr. Reckless.

During lockdown the Society did not meet due to imposed restrictions so it had been sometime since the last meeting. There were many reasons to think about the future of the Society including;

- Lack of interest from younger members of the community
- Growth of the Town Council, not around when the Society was formed. The Town Council having taken on planning, which at one time the Society would be asked to comment on. The Town Council now have the greater influence and does seem to be operating more efficiently.
- Age of the committee
- Reduced attendance to social events put on by the Society; namely Autumn Social.

An in depth discussion followed. Points agreed on are noted as follows;

- Not to disband but to reduce meetings to two a year. The first meeting will be on the 4th November and take the form of the Autumn Social. At the meeting there will be a Museum Report, Harbour Report, Raffle, tea & biscuits and a film from Colin Harvey or a speaker. The Abbotts Cup will also be presented and suggestions were the improvements to Boswains Store with certificates to the High Street Store and the Harbour Trust. This will be advertised around the Town notice boards and in the local paper. A further meeting probably around April next year will be arranged with similar format; local heritage speaker, updates on Museum and Harbour. Attendance would be taken into consideration when planning for later in 2023 to see if there is enough interest generated to carrying on.
- Noted. There is just under £1,000 held in the Society account.
- The future of the Museum must also be looked into. Everyone agreed that there was no doubt that this should carry on. Arrangements must be looked into how to move the Museum forward should the Society indeed disband. Mrs Vine would make some enquiries with Martin Goodhew at SBC, it may be possible to form the committee into trustees for the Museum. Also consideration will be given into having a secondary signature on the bank account. Distribution of assets belong to the Museum will also be looked into to cover worse possible scenario.

Mrs. Vine will distribute notes of the meeting to all committee members.

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