



QUEENBOROUGH SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF A MEETING  
HELD ON 7th February 2020  
IN THE GUILDHALL AT 7.00 pm

PRESENT

COMMITTEE:

Mrs. P. Harris (Chairman)  
Mr. C. Boosey

Mrs. L. Vine (Secretary)

MEMBERS:

Mr. K. Hancock  
Mrs. J. Boosey

Mrs. E. Hancock

- 1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE  
Apologies had been received from Mrs. O'Callaghan, Mr. & Mrs. Eatwell, Mr. Reckless, Mr. & Mrs. Mason and Mr. Moore.
- 2) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES  
The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th October 2019 were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 3) ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES  
None
- 3a) CORRESPONDENCE/EMAILS  
Invite received from Queenborough Town Community Centre Ltd. who were having a 10 year anniversary celebration at Castle Connections. Brock Whiston World Para Swimming Champion and World Record holder will be giving a talk.  
Also received notification from QTC who will be holding VE Day Celebrations on Friday 8th May 2020 and inviting the Society to become involved. The Museum will be opening on that day as representatives of the Society.  
Notification had been received from SBC as to revised plans for Queenborough Social Club. The proposal was the conversion and extension of the existing building to create 9 residential units and associated landscaping, refuse and parking. The Society did not see a problem.
- 4) REPORT FROM MUSEUM  
Mrs. Vine gave a short report. The Museum is still closed for the winter and will reopen the first Saturday in April. However group bookings have been taken and this Wednesday 70 children are visiting from West Minster Primary School. A History group has booked in for July. Research is still being carried out for numerous e-mail enquiries. The project for this year will be to sort out postcards in association with the Harbour Trust and the Church. Suitable photos will be sourced
- 5) REPORT ON THE HARBOUR  
Although not in attendance Mr. Moore had e-mailed a report which the Secretary read as follows;

Mooring occupation is about 85% and we've had no damage to the walkway from all of the recent storms - this is a first! Also we've now completed the new method of fixing the walkway planks using washers and screws between planks - some 2,500 of them - that prevents fixings breaking. All planks are secure and have survived the storms without any damage.

We've had some problems with mooring holders not securing their boats properly which meant the staff had to go out in bad weather to make good the owners mooring ropes to prevent their boats coming adrift. The Harbour is now planning training sessions for mooring holders to show them how best to moor their boats - the Harbour provides guidance notes to all mooring holders how best to secure their vessels for the harbour conditions but often this advice is ignored.

The Harbour is now well established enough to provide training courses for staff and we're advertising a vacancy for our first 'apprentice'.

6) OUT AND ABOUT

It has been noticed that the flag at the Guildhall is looking a bit 'tatty'. The Secretary will ask the Town Clerk if there are any plans to replace it.

The extra bins are being emptied.

Mention was made of the sudden passing away of the postmaster.

No buses go direct to the Hospital now. The Society should keep a watchful eye on the bus service.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

8) DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The Chairman closed the meeting thanking all for attending. 6th March 2020