



QUEENBOROUGH SOCIETY
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.00pm

PRESENT

COMMITTEE;

Mrs. P. Harris (Chairman)
Mrs. L. Vine (Secretary)
Ms. C. Howard (Membership)
Ms. M. Pye

Mr. P. Reckless
Mr. G. Mason
Mrs. A. Mason

1) APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received for Mrs. J. St. John Knight

2) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th June 2023 were agreed to be a true record by those who had been in attendance and duly signed by the Chairman.

3) MATTER ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

To be covered under separate items.

4) MUSEUM:

Mrs. Vine had given a full report at the previous meeting so updated members on recent events.

The Museum had increased visitor numbers due mainly to the visits to Queenborough by the Jetstream boat making trips from Southend to Queenborough. This had meant opening on Thursday afternoons but had certainly been worthwhile. One party booking had been welcomed from Minster History Group who had a walk round Queenborough with Jonathon Fry, then called in to the Guildhall for tea and biscuits and a talk. Judging from feedback received this had been well received.

Although expensive a full-page advertisement had been placed in the local paper to remind everyone of the Museum's existence. As money was available this was thought to be money well spent as in the past funds had not been available and the Museum had missed out on some advertising.

Mrs. Vine had been contacted by John Jones with information about a plaque belonging to a lady whose grandfather owned it. It was for HMS Wildfire dated 16th February 1937. The lady would be willing to donate it to the Museum. The committee were shown a picture of the plaque. Mrs. Vine will contact the lady concerned and make arrangements to receive the plaque.

As mentioned at the previous meeting a purpose made donation tin had been purchased.

Figures and accounts will be reported at the AGM.

- 5) TREASURERS REPORT
No further progress had been made with regards to the account. Mrs. Vine would therefore look to opening a fresh account.
- 6) PROGRESS ON NEW CONSTITUTION AND MISSION STATEMENT
Ms. Pye had supplied the secretary with a draft constitution and mission statement. Copies were handed to the committee for their consideration. Everyone present were more than happy with the draft. Mr. Mason proposed their adoption, seconded by Ms. Howard, and voted unanimously. The secretary would type a definitive copy and issue to the committee and supply the Town Council and the Library with copies. Further copies would be available at the Social Event. Ms. Pye was thanked for her work in composing the draft.
- 7) MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
Ms. Howard reported that there was now 19 paid up members with 7 more pending.
- 8) SOCIAL PROGRAMME:
The Autumn Social is set for November 3rd.
It was agreed after discussion:
Food – Wine & Cheese & Fruit Juice (Pauline & Lin)
Glasses should be available (Pauline & Lin)
Raffle – some bought, some donations would be sort, some brought by committee.
(All)
Speaker – Alan Taylor – Islands of the Medway first choice or speaker from the Medway Queen preservation group. (Lin)
Poster (Lin) e-mail out to committee members for distribution.
- Nominations for certificates; Lady & son who regularly collect rubbish from Gordon Ave, (Pauline to supply name & address). Architect who designed the houses sited at the Queenborough Club site. Coco Suntanning for the improvement to their property.
Alan Ford (Sparrow) for rubbish collecting at Sterling. Harbour Trust for maintaining improvements to the Harbour.
It was unanimously agreed that the Abbots Cup would be awarded to Bowsains for the improvements to the property and the business bought in to Queenborough.
- 9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Mrs. Vine explained to the committee that the cost of the wreath normally laid by the Museum at the Wildfire Parade had gone up to £25. She proposed the £25 would be best serving the Queenborough Ensign Association who were finding it difficult to continue funding the parade each year. This was seconded by Ms. Howard and agreed unanimously.
- 10) DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 27th October 2023 at 7.00 to finalise arrangements for the Social.