

DURHAM COUNTY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Minutes of the fifty third Annual General Meeting of the Society held on Saturday, 24 June 2017 at 11.00 a.m. at County Hall, Durham.

1 In attendance

Pat Atkinson, John Banham, Malcolm Bell, Douglas Burdon, Jennifer Gill, Paul Harvey, Alan Heesom, Audrey Kelly, Chris Ludbrook, Margaret McCollum, Marian Morrison, Janet Murrell, Elizabeth Newby, Alan Pallister, Marie Therese Pinder, Raymond Race, Mike Robson, C. E. Smith, John Smith, Win Stokes, Lorne Tallentire, Geoff Wallis, Catherine Wright

Apologies for absence

David Butler, Brenda Flynn, Tim Griffiths, James Hargrave, Sheila Hingley, David Lamb, Roger Norris, Pat Storey, Jane Watkinson.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the fifty first AGM, previously circulated, were adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair (Dr. Stokes).

3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Report of Council 2016/17

Dr Banham presented the Council's report, noting that membership subscription income had fallen and that the Council proposed surveying members about how to improve this. Mr Robson had prepared an analysis for Council which showed that over thirty standing order payments needed to be updated, since the amounts received were less than the current subscription rates. It was agreed to address this issue at a future Council meeting.

5 Talks Programme

Miss Gill said that three talks were being arranged for the autumn :

9 September : Gill Parkes
Durham at War - 1917/18

7 October: Kathleen Reynolds
Ill News: Gentry Health in the Eighteenth Century North

11 November : David Butler
The Turnpike Roads of County Durham

She asked for suggestions for speakers for 2018 and following discussion it was agreed that Chris Lloyd should be asked if he had any new talks.

6 Report on Publications

Dr Banham said there had been no progress in finalising other publications. He hoped that the *Seaside Trains* book would be published in 2018.

7 Report on Journal

Dr Stokes said that Journal 81 had been successfully published by the new editor in March and that Dr Egan was aiming to publish Journal 82 by Christmas subject to articles being completed. She also asked for proposals for Review articles for Journal 82.

It was also noted with pleasure that an article from Journal 80 (Boswell et al : *The Lunatic Knight*) had been short listed for a BALH award this year. The meeting also congratulated Marian Morrison on having her 2016 prize winning article (Colliery Healthcare in Journal 79) published in *The Local Historian*.

8 Election of Council Members,

Dr Banham reported that the current members of Council were all standing for re-election. The following were duly elected as Council members : *Mrs P Atkinson, Dr J Banham, Dr D Burdon, Miss J Gill, Mr R Hird, Mrs C Ludbrook, Miss M McCollum, Mr P Mussett, Mrs M-T Pinder, Mr R Race, Mr M Robson, Dr W Stokes & Mr G Wallis.*

9 Accounts and Balance Sheet for 2016/2017

Mr Wallis reported on the Accounts and Balance Sheet, which had been audited by Mrs J Garnett. The accounts were approved by the meeting.

10 St. Mary-le-Bow Trust

Miss McCollum and Dr. Banham were re-appointed as the Society's representatives on the St. Mary-le-Bow Trust. Dr. Banham reported that the Society's exhibition on County Durham in the C17th was now displayed at the Museum.

11 Any Other Business

Dr Stokes said that the Society would be represented at *Yesterday belongs to You* being held at Beamish Museum on 15 July and she hoped that as many members as possible would be able to attend.

There was also discussion about how to use the legacy left to the Society by Dr Allan Seaman. It was agreed to keep this in reserve until a worthwhile project was identified. Mr Wallis said that he would look at the possibility of investing the money in an interest bearing account.

The meeting was concluded at 11.55 am.