

GOWERTON LIBRARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting held at Gowerton Library Monday 13th February 10.00am

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Sian Pritchard	Peter Pritchard
Glenys Phillips	Marion Morris	Elaine Howell
Terry Townend	Margaret Cross	Diane Cherry
Pamela Morgan	Rose Atkin	Viv Davies

<u>APOLOGIES</u>	Pearl Hill	Sue Jones
Paula Wootton	Dave Wootton	

MINUTES Viv was thanked for taking the previous minutes.

MATTERS ARISING Terry asked about the blue book of Bethania at the end of the last meeting but Ros is the person we need to question about this. Terry gave an excellent talk about the police force and was asked to repeat it and expand it at some stage as it was so good.

VIV: GOWER SOCIETY **Don't forget about the talk in Penclawdd Community Centre at 7pm on Feb 23rd by the Gower Society.**

AOB Paula and Dave went to the archives about the original owners of the land in Gowerton. Elaine also went, but little information was to be had from there. Glenys however, had found a piece of parchment belonging to her father which she has photocopied for Pete to add to the website

Discussion ensued about having a trip. The canal boat was mentioned, also the Glamorgan archives and Aberystwyth. We considered a mini bus, but it may not be cost effective. Terry proposed a meal in the Con club or Elaine suggested the 'Rake and Riddle'. Diane suggested having a friend to come along for a talk on the Mumbles railway. She will contact this person and will ask him if he can come out either in May or June.

The next meeting will be on Monday 13th March at 10am.

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes
- 3) Matters Arising
- 4) Trip/social event
- 5) AOB
- 6) Proposed agenda for AGM in April

GOWERTON LIBRARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting held at Gowerton Library Monday 13th March 10.00am

PRESENT:

Sian Pritchard	Moirra Lewis
Glenys Phillips	Elaine Howell
Terry Townend	Diane Cherry
Pamela Morgan	Viv Davies
Pearl Hill	Paula Wootton
Carrie	Ella Davies

APOLOGIES

Peter Pritchard Dave Wootton

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

TRIP/SOCIAL EVENT

Discussion was postponed until the AGM.

AOB

It was agreed again that any big decisions regarding finance or anything else would be subject to a majority vote, without the need for an organised committee.

Heritage Panels: the bad news was that planning permission has to be sought for each panel at a cost of £380 per panel. With the money we currently have in the bank we can afford to go ahead with one panel application. This will be for the panel we hope to site on the junction between Sterry Road/Gorwydd Road and Station Road

which will be about the railways in Gowerton. The good news is that if we get planning permission (we're fairly sure we will for this one) we can apply for a grant, with the help of Sian Green and the grant will cover the cost of the panel and the planning permission needed.

This was the end of the business part of the meeting. We were then treated to a delightful 'talk' by Mrs Moira Lewis regarding some of her memories of the shops in the village and village life. Mrs Lewis is nearly 96 and has lived in Gowerton all the time as did her parents before her. She treated us to many tales, some comical, some not so, but all highly fascinating. Her Grandfather was a Rechabite and his portrait hangs in the Rechabite hall. Her parents celebrated their golden wedding in 1936 and marked the occasion with a party in their house. Her mother's youngest brother then caused great controversy by asking what they were going to drink for their toast! We also discovered that Mrs Lewis is a real-life heroine, having saved a passenger train from disaster by stopping the train before it hit sleepers put onto the track by vandals. E. Nesbit would have been very proud. Unfortunately though, instead of having a medal presented to her for courage, she was informed by the station master in Swansea that she should not have been on the rails!!! The driver and the guard on the train however had been suitably grateful to her for saving their lives. Mrs Lewis has written down on her memories of the shops and businesses and given the sheets to Pamela who will pass them to Pete for inclusion on the website.

AGENDA FOR AGM

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes
- 3) Matters arising
- 4) Chairperson's report
- 5) Treasurer's report, payment of subscriptions and proposal to write a letter to Community Council for a grant for the heritage panels.
- 6) Proposal to ensure that 'business' side of meeting, including AOB is always completed before calling for speaker.

If any body wishes to add to the agenda for the AGM please let me know as soon as possible. As officers hold their posts for 3 years, there is no need to nominate anyone else for Chair, Secretary or Treasurer unless someone else wishes to take on a role and then we can vote on it. Again please let me know asap.

GOWERTON LIBRARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting held at Gowerton Library Monday 10th April 10.00am

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Sian Pritchard	Peter Pritchard
Glenys Phillips	Marion Morris	Elaine Howell
Terry Townend	Margaret Cross	Diane Cherry
Pamela Morgan	Rose Atkin	Viv Davies
Pearl Hill	Sue Jones	Paula Wootton
Carrie Williams	Ella Davies	David Wootton
Ros Holt		

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received

MINUTES

The minutes were accepted as a true record

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

This will be available in the minutes of the AGM

TREASURER'S REPORT

The full report will be available in the minutes of the AGM. A summary appears at the end as an attachment.

PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

Pamela collected £10 subs from each member

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Everyone present was asked to fill in a new membership list as of April 2017. This has been added to the original membership of January 2016 and can be viewed as an attachment. Please check to ensure your details appear correctly.

PROPOSAL TO WRITE LETTER TO COM. COUNCIL

Pam and Viv will be meeting Adrian Skyrme immediately after AGM to discuss positioning of Heritage Panels in situ. It was decided that the letter needed to be written after Pamela has updated us on the results of her discussions with planning, probably July.

PROPOSAL TO ENSURE 'BUSINESS' IS ALWAYS CONCLUDED BEFORE 'SPEAKER'

This was agreed, except in cases where somebody outside our membership is coming in to speak to us as a group, whereupon we will need to let the 'visitor' speak at a time that is convenient for them.

Meeting closed at 11.35. Next meeting Monday May 8th. Speaker is Mr Philip Andrew on the Mumbles Train.

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes
- 3) Matters Arising
- 4) Membership Check
- 5) Update from Pam and Viv
- 6) AOB

GOWERTON LIBRARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting held at Gowerton Library Monday 8th May 10.00am

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Sian Pritchard	Peter Pritchard
Ken Thomas	Ella Davies	Elaine Howell
Margaret Cross	Viv Davies	Marion Morris
Glenys Philips	Rose Atkin	Diane Cherry
Dave Wootton	Paula Wootton	Pearl Hill
Sue Jones	Spencer Feeney	Patricia

<u>APOLOGIES:</u>	Pamela Morgan	Carrie Williams
--------------------------	---------------	-----------------

SPEAKER: Mr Philip Andrew gave a marvellous talk and presentation on the History of the Mumbles train.

Next Meeting Mon 12th June

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes
- 3) Matters Arising
- 4) Membership Check
- 5) Update from Pam and Viv
- 6) Proposed speaker for Mon 11th September
- 7) AOB

GOWERTON LIBRARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting held at Gowerton Library Monday 12th June 10.00am

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Sian Pritchard	Peter Pritchard
Rose Atkin	Diane Cherry	Margaret Cross
Pearl Hill	Elaine Howell	Pamela Morgan
Glenys Phillips	Terry Townend	Dave Wootton
Paula Wootton	Pat Hood-Williams	

<u>APOLOGIES</u>	Viv Davies	Eirlys Evans
Ros Holt	Sue Jones	Marion Morris

MINUTES

The minutes were accepted as a true record with the following exception, Apologies missed from Terry.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

MEMBERSHIP CHECK

There is a current membership list held at the library. Stuart Eley has asked for his membership to be withdrawn as he feels he doesn't have the time to commit.. People who were on our original list but have not paid subs for this year are Peter Davies, Roland Emmanuel and George Morgan. Newcomers for this year are Ella Davies, Carrie Williams and Pat Hood-Williams.

UPDATE FROM PAM AND VIV

The council are being terminally slow and the site at the old Tivoli is being a problem. However, Pam is meeting again with Adrian Skyrme and a member from Highways at 2pm. We await results!! Also there is currently £832.67 in the bank and another £22 in cash.

PROPOSED SPEAKER SEPT

Sian has confirmed with John Powell that he is willing and able to do a talk on Mon 11th Sept. He proposes the talk '*Let's Go To The Pictures In Swansea*' as being of most interest. Sian to check on all other talks for booking him for September. Fee of £25 was agreed.

AOB

A painting by a local man Islwyn Stamford was going to be sold at the Temple Jumble Sale. It was 'rescued' by Diane who thought it was a good idea to keep it in the community for public viewing. To this end she brought it to the library hoping that it could be permanently displayed. Sian explained that in the current trend it was not likely and it was then suggested to contact the Surgery to ask if they would like it. Sian is to do this and also to write to thank Theresa Morgan of the Temple who donated it.

Boat Trip: The decision has been made to go on the Copper Jack on Thursday July 20th at 12pm. Dave is to arrange this at a cost of £6 per head except for the immature who have to pay more!! (Discrimination I call it) There is also the option to have a meal on the Waterfront afterwards.

Meeting closed at 11.30. Next meeting Monday July 10th

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes
- 3) Matters Arising
- 4) Panels Update
- 5) Boat Trip update
- 6) Speaker Update
- 7) Painting Update
- 8) 'Return Journey' Update
- 9) AOB

LIST OF ILLUSTRATED TALKS BY JOHN POWELL FOR CONSIDERATION AT JULY MEETING

LET'S GO TO THE PICTURES IN SWANSEA

See the Plaza in its heyday and bring back memories of going to the pictures.

Not forgetting The Albert Hall, The Carlton and The Castle, to name just a few.

New- LET'S GO TO THE TIVOLI IN MUMBLES

Memories of the Tivoli and of how the village centre has changed

FROM BLACKPILL TO SOUTHEND

Ambling through History along the foreshore -Now and Then

FROM CASWELL BAY TO THE PIER

Days At The Seaside - A Stroll Through Time

GOT ANY GUM CHUM?

The American Army in Swansea & Gower during the Second World War.

6 June 2014 marked 70 Years since D Day

THE GUNS OF MUMBLES HEAD

Mumbles Hill, The Lighthouse Island & The Tutt, proved ideal locations for the siting of Coastal Gun Defences of Swansea during World War Two, 1939-1945

THE IMPACT OF THE GREAT WAR ON MUMBLES

And the stories concerning those honoured on Mumbles Great War Memorials.'

August 2014 marked 100 years since the outbreak of 1914-18 War

SUMMERLAND HOUSE AND THE DINGLE,

A lost garden at Caswell, now restored and returned to its former splendour

SCHOOLDAYS IN OLD NEWTON

An exploration in pictures of the village and school life from 1900 until 1955

EDUCATION IN VICTORIAN MUMBLES

How school life changed in the Parish of Oystermouth, from 1830s until 1900

GOWERTON LIBRARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting held at Gowerton Library Monday 10th July 2017 10.00am

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Sian Pritchard	Peter Pritchard
Rose Atkin	Diane Cherry	Eirlys Evans
Pearl Hill	Ros Holt	Elaine Howell
Sue Jones	Pamela Morgan	Marion Morris
Glenys Phillips	Terry Townend	Carrie Williams
Dave Wootton	Paula Wootton	Pat Hood-Williams

APOLOGIES: Margaret Cross Viv Davies

MINUTES: History of the picture should have read that it was bought originally by Royston for Marion Morris who donated it to the Temple. Also a misspelling: Stamford should have read Stanford.

MATTERS ARISING: In previous minutes apologies had been missed from Terry. Sorry.

PANELS UPDATE: Pam had a good walk with 2 men from the council. They seem to be quite happy. The school site and the doctor's surgery site are both fine. The one in the middle of the village needs to be on CK's side near the Railway signs, which will be most applicable. All 3 can be included on one form. The cost will be £580 in total, however we need to get the Community Council on board to help with public liability insurance. Ros has 'volunteered' to find out about this. Sian is to write formally asking for permission/help etc to Serena the clerk.

BOAT TRIP UPDATE: The boat trip will be on Thurs 20th July. The boat sails at 12pm and time and tide and the Copper Jack wait for no man (or woman)! Should be excellent.

SPEAKER UPDATE: Sian to confirm that the speaker will come in September to give us the 'Let's go to the pictures in Swansea' talk.

PAINTING UPDATE: Sian has written a letter to thank the Temple for donating this to us and Eirlys will deliver it. She has also written to the Medical Centre and is awaiting a reply.

RETURN JOURNEY: This could be done as a 'private' one off for us but would cost £15 plus each so it was decided not to bother unless they do another 'public' one.

AOB There was no other business.

Next meeting Monday August 14th

GOWERTON LIBRARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting held at Gowerton Library Monday 14th August 2017 10.00am

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Sian Pritchard	Peter Pritchard
Rose Atkin	Diane Cherry	Margaret Cross
Viv Davies	Ros Holt	Elaine Howell
Pamela Morgan	Marion Morris	Glenys Phillips
Terry Townend	Dave Wootton	Paula Wootton
Pat Hood-Williams		

<u>APOLOGIES:</u>	Eirlys Evans	Pearl Hill
Sue Jones		

MINUTES: Minutes were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: Thanks were extended to Dave and Paula for organising the boat trip on the Copper Jack and for the meal afterwards. 'Return Journey' is to be re-enacted aboard the Copper Jack one Sunday in the near future. Dave will e-mail Sian with the details and she will send the information on to all members.

PAINTING: Sian has had a reply from the manager of Gowerton Medical Centre who 'would be happy to display it in the corridor near the consulting rooms'. It was agreed that she and Peter would take it down to the surgery at the end of the meeting. It was proposed to include a plaque to be displayed with it with the wording '*Painted by Islwyn Stanford, long-time pharmacist of Gowerton*'. Sian and Peter to ask at the surgery if this would be appropriate.

SPEAKER: Sian confirmed that Mr John Powell is to present 'Let's go to the cinema in Swansea' in our September meeting.

PANELS: Pamela is doing a sterling job with Highways. Sian has written to Serena, Clerk to the Community Council to ask them to help with the Public Liability Insurance we need to go ahead. Ros has taken a copy of the Section 50 planning form and will liaise with the Council on our behalf, but they do not meet again until September. Pamela has agreed to go along to this meeting.

AOB: Margaret Cross told us there was a film available to watch regarding the railway line which went through Gowerton. Pete said he would look into this and also see about a screen and a projector so that we could all watch it, hopefully in October.

Meeting closed at 11.40. Next meeting Mon Sept 11th

AGENDA:

Speaker (unless we manage to complete the rest of the agenda before he starts)

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes
- 3) Matters Arising
- 4) Panels update (if any)
- 5) AOB

GOWERTON LIBRARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting held at Gowerton Library Monday 11th Sept 2017
10.00am

PRESENT:

Sian Pritchard	Peter Pritchard
Diane Cherry	Eirlys Evans
Pearl Hill	Elaine Howell
Pamela Morgan	Glenys Phillips
Terry Townend	Dave Wootton
Paula Wootton	Pat Hood-Williams

APOLOGIES:

Rose Atkin	Margaret Cross
Sue Jones	

MINUTES:

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

PANELS UPDATE:

Pamela attended the meeting of the Community Council on the previous Wednesday and reported that the matter was progressing, although Serena had not had an e-mail from Sian.

AOB:

There was no other business, so as Mr John Powell had given his apologies due to ill health we had a presentation that Peter P had put together at the last minute. This presentation included 'Swansea Victoria to Pontarddulais on the steam rail' and Richard Dimpleby's Diary on Swansea. Mr Powell has been rebooked for March.

Meeting closed at 11.30

Next meeting Monday October 9th

AGENDA:

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes
- 3) Matters Arising
- 4) Panels Update
- 5) AOB

GOWERTON LIBRARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting held at Gowerton Library Monday 9th Oct 2017 10.00am

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Sian Pritchard	Peter Pritchard
Rose Atkin	Margaret Cross	Viv Davies
Eirlys Evans	Pearl Hill	Elaine Howell
Glenys Phillips	Terry Townend	Dave Wootton
Paula Wootton	Pat Hood-Williams	

<u>APOLOGIES:</u>	Diane Cherry	Sue Jones
Pamela Morgan	Marion Morris	Carrie Williams

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising

PANELS UPDATE: Pam has met with Sian Green, External funding officer, CCOS. She is looking into funding streams for us and will be able to confirm later in October. She has asked Terry to collect together some likely photos so that we can focus the text to compliment them. Pam has a quote for public liability insurance and is getting quotes for the panels themselves. Heritage Panels are being installed in Penclawdd and also in Three Crosses under a sub-group of their community council. Pam has informed Ros Holt of this.

AOB: Treasurer's report: account holds £832.67 as of 5th October

SPEAKER: Pearl has kindly arranged with Mrs Jane Sherrard-Smith to come and speak to us on November 13th. She will start her talk at 10.30 which will last approximately an hour. If possible we need to have our business part of the meeting done before this!

Pearl had some information which she shared with us regarding a young boy who travelled from the middle of Gower to board with a family in Gowerton whilst attending the Grammar school. Elaine then continued to read to us, very appropriately about the start of education in Gowerton

The meeting closed at 11.45. Next meeting Monday 13th November

AGENDA:

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes
- 3) Matters Arising
- 4) Panels Update (with photos either before speaker or after if we have time)
- 5) AOB

GOWERTON LIBRARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting held at Gowerton Library Monday 13th Nov 2017 10.00am

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Sian Pritchard	Peter Pritchard
Rose Atkin	Diane Cherry	Margaret Cross
Viv Davies	Pearl Hill	Elaine Howell
Pamela Morgan	Glenys Phillips	Carrie Williams
Pat Hood-Williams		

<u>APOLOGIES:</u>	Ros Holt	Sue Jones
Marion Morris	Terry Townend	Dave Wootton
Paula Wootton		

SPEAKER: Unfortunately our speaker was forced to cancel due to a chest infection. We will contact her again in the New Year to rearrange. Thanks to Pearl for conveying messages.

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising.

PANELS UPDATE: Pamela sent photographs to Peter to be projected onto a screen showing the panels that Penclawdd Community Council in conjunction with the Gower Landscape Partnership are having erected at strategic sites. Their insurance is included on the insurance premium of Penclawdd Community Council. The panels are A1 size 841 x 594 mm or 33 x 23 inches, landscape shape in wooden frames, printed on an aluminium sheet

with glass reinforced plastic cover. They stand a metre off the ground in a lectern style. Pam is in contact with Chris Lindley who is in overall charge of preparing these and more panels in Three Crosses. He asks that we link in with what is said on the Penclawdd panels so that it becomes a continuous story. Paula is helping with the Planning application. Chris Lindley hopes we can do them all on one app but apparently it depends on distance between each location and he is afraid the distance between ours is too great. Then it will be 3 x £380. We have only £800+ in the piggy bank so maybe we will have to pass the hat around for the balance. Do we know any rich benefactors? Sian is to write to Ros Holt and Serena Thomas (hard copies and e-mails to be absolutely certain!) to impress upon Gowerton community council how much help is being given to similar projects in Penclawdd and Three Crosses by their corresponding community councils, in particular with the public liability insurance.

AOB: There was no other business.

Next meeting Monday 11th December 10am.

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes
- 3) Matters Arising
- 4) Panels Update to include anecdotes for inclusion on panels.

GOWERTON LIBRARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting held at Gowerton Library Monday 11th Dec 2017 10.00am

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Sian Pritchard	Peter Pritchard
Rose Atkin	Diane Cherry	Margaret Cross
Viv Davies	Pearl Hill	Elaine Howell
Pamela Morgan	Glenys Phillips	Pat Hood-Williams
Dave Wootton	Paula Wootton	Ros Holt
Eirlys Evans	Marion Morris	

APOLOGIES: Sue Jones terry Townend

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: Elaine queried the outcome of the letter sent to the Community Council. Sian had received no reply, but Pamela had excellent news: our heritage panels will be insured through Gowerton Community Council! (Three cheers for our illustrious treasurer; she is a treasure indeed!) Pamela and Sian explained that the letter had not asked for a grant as they had made an 'executive' decision to ask only for one thing at a time and they felt it was more important to secure the insurance at this time. Treasurer's report (e-mailed to Sian after meeting closed) In Bank £452.67
Cheque for £380 for Planning Application paid to C & CS in November.
In hand £41.35

PANELS UPDATE: Pamela had taken the time to write out four different texts for the panels; one for the canal, one for the railways and two for the Elba. Unfortunately, we are limited to approximately 300 words and this is why it was decided that Sian would get the minutes out asap and include a copy of each of the drafts. If you wish to add to/comment on/suggest things etc regarding the wordings, it is up to each of us to contact Pam direct by e-mail. It was agreed that she would have the final say as she has been the mover and shaker on this project. Pamela has various photographs supplied by Terry which she will include on the panels.

Next meeting Mon 8th January 2018 at 10.30am.

AGENDA:

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes
- 3) Matters Arising
- 4) Panels Update
- 5) AOB