

GOWERTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Held at Gowerton Primary School Monday 8th July 2024 at 10.30am

PRESENT:

Elaine Howell	Siân Pritchard
Pam Morgan	Kay Bamforth
Wendy Davidge	Terry Townend
Jean Payne	Janet Leary
Linda Nicholls	Anne Guard
Glenys Phillips	Sue Jones
Eryl Williams	Paula Wootton
Ros Holt	Viv Davies

APOLOGIES:

Peter Pritchard	Terry Nicholls
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MATTERS ARISING: Pat H-W, in her role as Lady Mayoress has extended a welcome to GLHS through Elaine for the group to visit the Mansion House at a time to be arranged in the future. Elaine said it was an excellent talk by Sandra Davies on Llanmorlais and Pat H-W has confirmed she has sent Ms Davies information regarding Gower College.

Elaine has contacted Linda Bolchover again and has even offered to take her to the bank in Gorseinon in order to be able to release the funds. Ros queried who the signatories had been: they were Elaine and Barry Guard. Apparently, due to lack of activity on the account since 2004 it is now considered to be dormant. Members of GLHS felt strongly that this should be expedited. There is approximately £200 in the account.

SUMMER OUTING: Pam has confirmed the sailing on board the 'Copper Jack' for 11am on Monday August 12th. The venue for lunch following the trip is the Pump House. £10 per person has been paid

to Pam at the meeting. Parking is available at the Pump House at a cost of £3 for 4 hours which should comfortably cover both the trip and time for lunch.

AOB: Anne asked about the GLHS website. Pam explained that it was Pete who had set it up maintained it. Due to popular demand, Pete has been asked to give us all another run-through of the website at either the September or October meeting in order that the new members can see what is available and what could be added. He has also been asked to write out a step-by-step idiots' guide to help people find their way around the site.

Pam gave Siân a copy of the accounts to keep on file accompanied by a cheque for £9.58 which is the cost of the website for a year. As of 08-07-2024 there is £1018.43 in the bank, less £9.58 pending cheque plus £11.95 cash-in-hand.

Dave queried what to do with the money and reminded everybody that we had offered to fund a trip for some of the schoolchildren on the Copper Jack, but so far the school hasn't responded. We will offer again in September. It was also proposed to site further information panels around the village. One was proposed for the old Mart site and another for the Co-op. It would also be good to have one on the corner opposite the Rugby Club regarding Trafle Mill, the Foundry and the Tinplate works, but due to on-going planning complications this has been shelved for present.

Phase Two 'People' part of the school's Cynefin project was discussed and Elaine proposed Dr Morgan Owen. Terry proposed Major Jack Rees who, apart from being presented with a medal by the King for towing burning carriages away from a hospital during WWII, was also the first Detective Sergeant in Gowerton. Other suggestions were W.O. 'Stoker' Williams and Judge Rowe Harding. Mr Ashton then came into the meeting to thank us again for our help with their on-going Cynefin Project and to show us the booklet in

which they appear which was given to them on the day of the presentation in Aberystwyth.

Next meeting is the Summer Outing. Meet at the wharf ready to board the Copper Jack at 10.40 on Monday August 12th. The next meeting at the school will be Monday September 9th.

AGENDA:

Apologies

Minutes/Matters Arising

AOB

Website with Peter Pritchard