

THE GATEACRE SOCIETY 9th AGM. 25.10.83.
Registered with the Civic Trust
for the North West

Chairman: Mr. G. A. McCann, O.L.A. Jun. School, Hedgefield Road.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. S. Lewis, Grange Lodge,
Grange Lane.

Minutes of the Ninth Annual General Meeting
of the Gateacre Society, held on the 25th October
1983 at the Gateacre Institute, Grange Lane at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. G. A. McCann (Chairman)
Mr. T. Brakell (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs. S. Lewis (Secretary)
Miss E. Heyworth (Treasurer)

Committee: Mrs. Bee, Miss Borrowscale, Miss Doyle, Miss
Gnosspeilus, Miss Lythgoe, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Shepherd.

Members: Mrs. J. P. Bond, Mr. D. Brookfield, Mrs. V. Brookfield,
Mrs. E. Castle, Mr. M. Chitty, Miss C. Codd, Mrs. J. M. Cohen,
Mr. F. Daly, Mr. & Mrs. D. L. Godwin, Mr. H. J. Haddleton, Miss
L. Hodgetts, Mr. N. Jaques, Mrs. D. Myles, Mrs. R. Newton, Mrs.
M. Pendergast, Mrs. A. P. Stanley, Mrs. E. White. (Total 29)

At 8.10 p.m. the Vice-Chairman (in the Chair) opened the meeting
and welcomed members.

1. Apologies for absence had been received from Miss Beswick,
Mr. & Mrs. Denton, Mr. & Mrs. Dinnen, Mr. & Mrs. Globe, Mrs.
McKenzie, Rev. J. Roberts, Mrs. Samuels.

2. Minutes of the eighth Annual General Meeting held on the
25th October, 1982 (previously circulated) were agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising: Mr. Shepherd reported that residents in
Sandfield Road would object to the site suggested for a seat and
Mr. Brakell agreed it was not suitable. Miss Gnosspeilus said
some people might like it, e.g. old people going to the Post
Office. Mrs. Bee pointed out it had only been a suggestion.
The matter was referred to the Committee for consideration.

4. Hon. Secretary's Report. This had been circulated to all
members and the Secretary was complimented on it, applauded and
thanked. There were no questions.

5. Hon. Treasurer's Report: Once again the Society has enjoyed
a healthy financial year and we now have assets amounting to
over £1000. On the balance sheet I have tried to show as
clearly as possible where our receipts have come from and how
the money has been spent. Apart from elaborating on one or
two points, I do not intend to go through the accounts in detail,
but if you have any queries about the figures, please do not
hesitate to ask.

The amount of money raised from subscriptions has increased,
and you will note that £41.55 was gained from interest on money
in the Bank deposit account. Once again, through the hard
work of a number of our members, our annual jumble sale was a
successful event raising £155.30.

On the payments side, there is a donation of £100 to the
Gateacre Chapel. The Committee Members felt that a donation
to the Chapel was in order in recognition of the help and
assistance that they have given us over the years in accommo-
dating our public meetings. The money went towards necessary
roof repairs. We also agreed to pay a regular amount for use
of the Chapel to cover heating and lighting costs - hence the
figure of £75 for the rent of the hall.

You may remember that last year we received £100, a legacy
from the late Frank Ledson. We have discussed in committee
on a number of occasions how this money should be spent. We
feel it should be spent on something which would be of benefit
to the whole community and preferably some kind of permanent
memorial. One idea is to provide a seat in the village, but

we should be grateful for any other suggestions - both for the legacy and for any other item which may be of benefit to the village.

The only other item I should like to mention is the insurance. This covers insurance of the Society against accidents occurring during public meetings etc. The Gateacre signs are also covered for damage.

I hope that the accounts are fairly clear - if anyone has any questions I will try to answer them.
The report was agreed.

6. Membership Secretary's Report: There are now 339 members, slightly more than last year even though 30 have left the district. We now have a member from every school in the area and there is more involvement by junior members. Mrs. Bee said she was not continuing as Membership Secretary but will stay on the Committee. She thanked members of the Committee and ordinary members for their co-operation and said there was satisfaction in doing the work - it was nice to know people care about the environment.

At this point the Vice-Chairman remarked that more members should come to meetings and come on the Committee. He then handed the meeting over to the Chairman.

7. Chairman's Remarks. The Chairman thanked the Vice-Chairman for taking the meeting so far. He reminded the members that last year he had declared three aims for the Society and he pointed to our success with Druids Cross and the Gateacre Signs. 1982/3 was a period of consolidation. We had not been successful in our efforts regarding Gateacre Green but we had made ourselves well-known to the Planning Office and the Dept. of the Environment. The Society was very much a part of the environment in Liverpool and it was good that support was increasing when there was a lack of stability in Liverpool. People are interested in Gateacre, they are aware we exist and are interested in the village. He thanked Committee members, especially the officers and above all the Secretary, Mrs. Lewis.

8. Election of Officers: There were no nominations from the floor.

<u>Chairman</u>	Mr. McCann.	Agreed	nem.	con.
<u>Vice-Chairman</u>	Mr. Brakell	"	"	"
<u>Treasurer</u>	Miss Heyworth	"	"	"
<u>Secretary</u>	Mrs. Lewis	"	"	"
<u>Assistant Secretary</u>	Miss Lythgoe	"	"	"

9. Election of Committee: A nomination was received for Mr. Chitty who was elected nem. con.

The other members of the Committee, being willing to continue to serve the Society in this way, were re-elected en bloc, this being proposed by Mrs. Cohen and seconded by Mrs. Myles.

10. Any Other Business: The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Brookfield from the Environmental Health Dept. She said she hoped that if members had any complaints they would shout them out at the meeting or let her know via Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. Cohen reported excessive noise from motor bikes in Station Road especially on Sundays. Mrs. Bee asked if it had been reported to the police - we had hoped the police would have come to this meeting - they had been notified. Mrs. Brookfield will investigate. Mr. Daly of 21 Chartmount Way asked what measures can be taken by the Tree Doctor to remove trees - Gateacre Rise to Chartmount Way. The damage had been reported and re-flagging was done but roots had split the wall. About three trees plus another dozen which have probably seeded themselves are becoming a nuisance. Mrs. Brookfield will organise a site inspection.

Mrs. Lewis had received a letter from Mr. Godwin regarding increasing litter in the village. He says the sweeper does not sweep in front of the Institute. It was suggested we spend money on litter bins of the Corporation won't but Mrs. Brookfield said it was the Corporation's responsibility to provide them. Mr. Brakell said the village was getting worse and it was no use providing bins if people would not use them. The Cleansing people were not doing their job properly; it is no use spending our money on bins. Mrs. Brookfield said Operation Spadework was coming into operation. Mr. McCann said we should get on to the Cleansing Department and ask why there is no continuous cleansing programme. Mrs. Brookfield promised this would happen in a matter of days. She will also investigate a report by Mr. Brakell of an infestation of rats along Halewood Road. Mrs. Bee said better supervision of the road sweeper was needed - he did not touch Grange Lane. The shops make an effort to clean the fronts of their shops but Ocean Fry do not. Mr. Shepherd said the Rodent Control had been in Sandfield Road and there had been no rats since. Mrs. Bee said the rats were due to the alterations to the Riding School and also to pigeons. Mrs. Brookfield will investigate. Mr. Daly said there had been no cleaner in the passageway for a month - rubble from laying flags had been left there for seven months. Debris from cleaning the roof of the Bank was being brushed against the wall until Mr. Daly objected. Mrs. Cohen said leak water was running down Eaglehurst and Station Road and Mrs. Lewis said this was also true of York Cottages. Mrs. Brookfield will take this up with N.W. Water. The Chairman expressed the hope that things will improve under Mrs. Brookfield and said the Society would co-operate. Mr. Shepherd reported that a start had been made on the Prudential Building. Mrs. Cohen asked about the Railway Line but the Chairman said there was no progress. Mrs. Lewis said there would be another meeting before anything was decided. Mrs. Roberts thanked the young people for their work on the Queen Victoria statue. Mr. Shepherd asked about 26 Gateacre Brow and Mrs. Lewis said she had written about this. The Treasurer will be abroad for six months and someone is required to take over during this period. The Chairman thanked the meeting especially Mrs. Brookfield for their attendance. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.13 p.m.