

THE GATEACRE SOCIETY 11th A.G.M. 22.10.85.
Registered with the North West Civic Trust

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

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

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual General Meeting of The Gateacre Society, held on the 22nd October 1985 at the Gateacre Institute, Grange Lane at 8 p.m.

Present:

Mr. G.A. McCann (Chairman)
Mrs. S.M. Lewis (Hon. Secretary)
Miss E. Heyworth (Hon. Treasurer)

Committee: Mrs. Bee, Miss Borrowscale, Mr. Chitty, Mrs. Cohen,
Miss Gnospelius, Miss Lythgoe, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs.
Myles, the Rev. D. Roberts.

Members: Mr. T. Brakell, Mrs. E. Castle, Miss M. Champion, Mr. Close,
Mr. E. Denton, Mr. & Mrs. Fisher, Mr. & Mrs. Gadd, Mr. W.
Gillbanks, Mr. H. Haddleton, Mr. E. Holland, Miss P. Howie,
Mr. N. Jaques, Mr. L. Jones, Mrs. M. Nicholson, Miss B.M.
Pearson, Mrs. B. Rimmer, M/s S. Sandland, Mr. L. Symonds,
Mr. D. Swerdlow, Mr. B. Whiteside, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. J.
Woodward.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 8.10 p.m. and members welcomed.

1. Apologies for absence had been received from Miss Couch, Mr. Bee, Mr. & Mrs. Davenport, Mr. Kirkham, Miss Hodgetts, Rev. J. Roberts, Mr. L. Wheeler, Miss Beswick, Mr. & Mrs. Shepherd.
2. The Minutes of the 10th Annual General Meeting, held on the 30.10.84 and previously circulated, were agreed and signed - proposed by Mrs. Cohen and seconded by Mrs. Myles.
3. The Hon. Secretary's Report was read by Mrs. Lewis and, after the meeting, was circulated to all members. (to new members on request)
4. The Hon. Treasurer's Report was read by Miss Heyworth and copies of the Receipts and Payments Account for the year were circulated at the meeting. Both subscriptions and donations had increased over the year compared with the year ending 1985. The competition for Brighter Business Premises in the Conservation Area had attracted donations of £100 as first prize from Greenall Whitley - the brewers who own the Bear & Staff, and £25 from both the Midland Bank and Bass Charrington, and we would publicly like to thank these organisations for their generous help. The Jumble Sale brought in almost £100 - a little less than last year. The coach trip to the Crosby Coastguard Station was very popular - so many people were interested that the Society made an unplanned profit of £30, though at a cost of £1.50 a ticket everyone felt it was good value for money. The largest expenditure was the purchase of a £1,000 National Deposit Bond, after a lot of research by the Committee to find a good investment for the Society's money until it is needed. In the future it is hoped to publish a History of Much and Little Woolton and this will require a fair amount of initial expense for printing, but the Society continues to survive financially and the Treasurer felt that we were well on the way to being able to afford to publish a history of the village, once the necessary research had been completed.

Miss Heyworth ended her Report by saying that circumstances made it necessary for her to retire as Treasurer this year and she took the opportunity to thank the Chairman and the Committee and Members for their support and help in doing the job of keeping the books.

The point was raised that the rent of the Chapel Hall for meetings was to be raised by £2 to £10 per session in the future.

The adoption of the Report was proposed by Miss Lythgoe and seconded by Miss Gnospelius.

5. The Membership Secretary's Report was read by Miss Lythgoe who said the number of paid-up members was 346 compared to 313 last year. 23 subscriptions were not renewed, 5 families had left the area so there

was a total increase of 33 members this year.

6. Chairman's Remarks The Chairman opened by thanking all members of the Society for their support and keeping its work going in the right direction. He then went on to mention a number of specific events which had taken place during the year -

National Environment Week - 27th April to 6th May. We had been asked by the Civic Trust to take part in this national event aimed at making the general public more conscious of their environment and the need to care for our heritage. In this connection a party of children from local schools had washed and waxed Queen Victoria and been filmed by Channel 4 T.V. but unfortunately the film was not included in their programme 'The Longest Running Show On Earth.'

Mr. McCann praised the efforts of the twelve members of the Society who had spent the morning of the 27th April cleaning up the Village Green, removing 12 bin bags full of litter.

There had also been the Brighter Business Premises Competition in which 11 premises took part. He commended those who had entered and was looking forward to announcing the winners and presenting the prizes later in the evening.

To end Environment Week on the 5th May Mr. Michael Chitty had taken a party of 22 members and friends on a Gateacre Walk. Mr. McCann felt that these Walks were not only interesting but valuable, in that those who were aware of the history and architecture of their surroundings were enabled to produce an informed response on matters of conservation.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. McKenzie for once again running a successful Jumble Sale, and all members of the Committee for their work which ensured that the Gateacre Society was a lively and useful organisation.

7. Election of Officers

Nominations:	Chairman:	Mr. G.A. McCann	Agreed	nem.	con.
	Vice-Chairman:	Mr. L.I. Wheeler	"	"	"
	Hon. Secretary:	Mrs. S.M. Lewis	"	"	"
	Hon. Treasurer:	Miss J.B. Gnosspelius	"	"	"

8. Election of Committee

The following members were proposed and seconded and elected nem. con.

Mrs. S. Bee, Miss J. Borrowscale, Mr. M. Chitty, Mrs. J. Cohen, Miss C. Doyle, Miss P. Howie (new member), Miss A. Lythgoe, Mrs. J. McKenzie, Mrs. D. Myles, the Rev. D. Roberts, Miss E. Heyworth.

During the meeting it had been announced that Mr. L. Shepherd was not willing to stand again for re-election to the Committee. The Chairman asked Mrs. Lewis to write to him saying how sad we were to lose him and thank him for his very valuable contributions to the Society.

9. Any Other Business

- Mrs. Silcock, who had brought the problem of the land in front of St. Stephen's Church to the attention of the Society some years ago, reported that at last it had been landscaped by the Corporation. She thanked the Society sincerely for its help in establishing responsibility for the area and using its influence to get it tidied up.
- Mrs. Cohen asked if members were happy to have our open meetings on a Tuesday as attendances had been falling. Generally it was felt that Tuesdays were convenient - there would always be some people who could not come whichever day was chosen. The Secretary said she tried to give members 2 weeks notice - sometimes this was less because we had to depend on the availability of our deliverers - but if members were given any more notice they tended to forget.

9. Cont.

- c. The representatives of the Acresgate Court Residents Assn. Mrs. Rimmer and Mr. Symonds thanked the Society for support - especially the Secretary - in their on-going battle against the noise and disturbance from Chez Philippe's customers. The premises have been closed for the last 10 months and have now been purchased by Tommy Smith Enterprises. It was hoped that the problems would not start up again.
- d. The Chairman, Mr. McCann then presented the cheques for £100 and £50 to the winners of the Brighter Business Premises Competition and asked the Secretary to express the thanks of the Society to the Judges- Mr. J. Muir, the former curator of Harthill Gardens and Mr. Squires, a past President of the Royal National Rose Society

1st Prize £100 to the Windsor Veterinary Surgery,
Halewood Road

2nd Prize £50 to M/s Sandra Sandland, 31 Belle Vale Rd.

Thanks to Mr. Chitty were expressed for taking the photographs of the competitors' efforts during the summer.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9. p.m.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the twelfth Annual General Meeting of The Gateacre Society will be held on Tuesday 21st October 1986 at 8 p.m. in the Gateacre Institute, Grange Lane, Gateacre.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 11th A.G.M. held 22nd October 1985, previously circulated, to be agreed and signed
3. Hon. Secretary's Report
4. Hon. Treasurer's Report
5. Chairman's Remarks
6. Election of Officers -
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Vice-Chairman
 - c. Hon. Secretary
 - d. Hon. Treasurer
7. Election of Committee (All Officers and Committee retire each year and are eligible for re-election)
8. Any other business

Nomination Forms are available from the Hon. Secretary now and at the meeting.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the Committee meeting of The Gateacre Society held on the 23.9.86 it was agreed unanimously that, after twelve years, subscriptions should be increased.

The new rates for 1986/87 will come into operation on the 22nd October 1986 - the day after the A.G.M. To encourage prompt payment and so cut down the number of reminders which usually have to be sent out, it was decided that members paying up to and at the A.G.M. should receive their 1986/87 membership at the old rate.

OLD RATES - up to and including 21st October 1986

Life - £20. Corporate - £2. Family - £1.50
Individual - £1. Student or Pensioner - 50p.

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NEW RATES - on and after 22nd October 1986

Life - £25. Corporate - £5. Family - £3.
Individual - £2. Student or Pensioner - £1.

ALL plus £1 postage if living outside the hand delivery area.

Subscriptions may be sent to the Membership Secretary - Miss Lythgoe,
168 Gateacre Park Drive or given to any Committee member

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