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THE GATEACRE SOCIETY

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Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the Gateacre Society held on the 1st November 1988 at the Gateacre Institute, Grange Lane, Liverpool.

PRESENT: Mr. G.A. McCann (Chairman)
Mr. John Williams (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. Harold Gadd, Mrs. Joan Gadd (Hon. Secretaries)
Miss Janet Gnosspelius (Hon. Treasurer)

COMMITTEES: Mrs. Sylvia M. Lewis, Mr. Michael Chitty, Miss Joan Borrowscale
Mr. Howard Haddleton, Mrs. Joan Cohen, Mrs. Dorothy Myles,
Mrs. Beryl Plent, Miss Irene Scott.

Members: E.T. Denton, M. Reid, H. Newell, E. Kay, L. Shepherd, J. Ryan.
P. Lyon, J. Mecher, A. Levitt, R. Kirkham.

THE MEETING BEGAN at 8.0 p.m. with the Chairman Mr. McCann extending a welcome to those present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None
2. MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on the 10th November 1987 had already been circulated to all members. They were approved as a true record. Mr. Haddleton asked if the Treasurer had written to the bank regarding the high bank charges. Miss Gnosspelius replied saying she was awaiting a meeting with the Bank Manager.
3. THE HON. SECRETARY - Mr. Gadd presented his report on the Society's activities during the past year. The report would be later distributed to all members of the Society.
Mr. Lionel Shepherd advised the meeting of the 300th Anniversary of the Gateacre Chapel Congregation, which would be celebrated next year.
4. LOCAL HISTORY REPORT - presented by Mrs. Joan Gadd Hon. Secretary
The unit comprised Miss Gnosspelius, Mrs. S.M. Lewis, Miss J. Borrowscale
They had been very busy throughout the year. The Gateacre & Woolton Joint Walk III took place on the 1st May for Environment Week.
Copies of all Wills and Inventories from the 16th-18th century were obtained. Court Rolls of the 16th c were being transcribed from Latin.
Help was given to a number of School children doing projects on the area.
Help was also given to several people researching their family history.
A very busy year.
5. HON. TREASURER, Miss Gnosspelius circulated the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 10th October 1988 and gave a brief summary of its contents. Questions were invited.
Mr. Ray Kirkham asked which Bank we dealt with, and queried the amount of interest we were receiving. He suggested we invest in a Building Society. There followed a discussion by members. Miss Gnosspelius was thanked for her report.
6. THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY - Mr. Close in his report said we had 260 paid up members. 11 new members, 45 members had not renewed their subscriptions
There had been a decline in membership over the past two years. Because of other commitments Mr. Close said he would be unable to continue as Membership Secretary. Mrs. B. Plent had agreed to take over the position.
Mr. Kirkham asked why the decline. This was due mostly to members moving away and possibly the increase in subscriptions.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS Mr. McCann praised the efforts of the Society who were here to protect the area. He thanked all the Officers and members of the Committee for all their work throughout the year. He also thanked the loyal and devoted members of the Society.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. One nomination had been received for each post, and, there being no nominations from the floor, the following appointments were confirmed.

Chairman - Mr. G.A. McCann
Vice-Chairman - Mr. J. Williams
Joint Hon. Secretaries - Mr. & Mrs. H & J. Gadd
Hon. Treasurer - Miss J. Gnosspelius
Assistant Secretary (Environment) Mrs. S.M. Lewis
Membership Secretary - Mrs. B. Plent.

9. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS. There being no further nominations for Committee, the following were returned en bloc.
Miss J. Borrowscale, Mr. M. Chitty, Mrs. J. Cohen, Mr. H. Haddleton,
Miss I. Scott, Mrs. J. Cohen, Mrs. D. Myles, Mrs. M. Lothian.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. Mr. L. Shepherd said the traffic lights in the village should be given a longer time for allowing people to cross the road by the 'green man'. Mrs. Lewis said she would look into it. Mrs. Silcock said there was a proposal by the City Council to close Belle Vale School. Also a piece of land opposite St. Stephens Church was to be bought, and houses built. She thought there were deeds which said the land could not be built upon. She asked how long do covenants last. Mrs. Lewis said she would take up the remarks. Mr. Gall asked if the Society could do anything about flooding in Halewood Road.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

J.B.