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THE GATEACRE SOCIETY

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Minutes of the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of The Gateacre Society held on the 23rd October 1990 at the Gateacre Institute, Grange Lane, Liverpool 25.

PRESENT:

- Mr. G.A. McCann - Chairman
- Mr. Harold Gadd)
- Mrs. Joan Gadd) Joint Hon. Secretaries
- Miss Janet Gnosspelius - Hon. Treasurer
- Mrs. Beryl Plent - Hon. Membership Secretary
- Mrs. Sylvia Lewis - Hon. Environment Secretary

COMMITTEE:

Miss J. Borrowscale, Mr. Michael Chitty, Mrs. J. Cohen, Mrs. M. Lothian, Mr. T. Levitt, Mrs. D. Myles, Miss I. Scott.

MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. Bond, Mr. T. Bradshaw, Mr. & Mrs. Brookfield, Mrs. M. Bushell, Mr. Mrs. & Miss Carruthers, Miss M. Champion, Miss L. Hodgetts, Mrs. P. Lee, Mr. & Mrs. J. Leggett, Mr. A. Price, Dr. M. Reid. & 1 more - name illegible.

The meeting began at 8 pm with the Chairman welcoming all members present.

- 1) Apologies for absence had been received from Mr. J. Williams (Vice-Chairman), Mr. E. Denton and Mr. L. Shepherd.
- 2) Minutes of the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting, held on the 31st October (previously circulated) were approved as a true record.
- 3) Hon. Secretaries Report - this was read by Mrs. J. Gadd and covered the work of the Society during the past year. The Report would be circulated to all members with the next Newsletter. The Chairman thanked the Secretaries for an excellent Report.
- 4) Hon. Treasurer's Report - Miss Gnosspelius circulated copies of the Receipts & Payments Account. She reported a satisfactory year, following an interview with our Bank Manager in July we do not now incur bank charges. She was delighted to inform the meeting that she had just received a donation of £200 from Mr. Stanley Davenport, a Life Member. Our enterprise for the year was the purchase of a stock of Gateacre tea towels which are selling well. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for her report.
- 5) Hon. Membership Secretary's Report - Mrs. Plent said we had 259 members comprising 5 Honorary, 8 Life, 126 Family, 41 Individual, 77 Pensioner/Student and 2 Corporate Members. Over the past year we had gained 24 new members and lost 20, many because people had moved out of the district. Mrs. Plent was thanked for her report by the Chairman.
- 6) Local History Report - Mrs. Lewis outlined some of the work of the Local History Unit including a transcription of the 1861 Much Woolton census, the history of the Grange in Little Woolton, a number of 19th century wills had been obtained, the title deeds of Soarer Cottages had been seen and a dissertation on the life of Dorothy Nicholson (1803-1893) had been written by Maria McCann. The Honours Board from Gateacre C. of E. School had been saved and is now in the safe keeping of St. Stephens Church, and the Service to commemorate the Tercentenary of Gateacre Chapel had been well attended - a Guest of Honour being our member Alexander Hamilton-Fletcher from Dorset.

7) The Chairman's Remarks -

Mr. McCann congratulated the Committee on their work over the past twelve months. It had been a varied year and had been handled competently. He reminded the meeting that the Gateacre Society was 16 years old this year, and while the village had seen a number of changes during these years some of them were all the better for our existence. He thanked the Officers,, the Committee, Miss Howie and all her band of deliverers of News-letters for their continued excellent work.

8) Election of Officers -

One nomination had been received for each position, and there being no other nominations from the floor, the following were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded -

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

9) Election of Committee Members -

A letter of resignation had been received from the Rev. Daphne Roberts as she has moved away from the area, but she was happy to continue printing the Newsletter. Mr. T. Levitt had been co-opted in her place.

The following members, having been proposed and seconded, were elected :- Mr. M. Chitty, Mrs. J. Cohen, Mr. H. Haddleton, Mr. T. Levitt, Mrs. M. Lothian, Mrs. D. Myles and Miss I. Scott.

10) Any Other Business -

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Val. Brookfield, an Environmental Officer for Liverpool who had held her post for 16 years. She told us about her problems in trying to get rubbish collected in the City and offered to place skips in the village which she guaranteed would be emptied when necessary. She then invited any questions from the floor.

The first question concerned the bad state of the pavements in Gateacre, the holes in Belle Vale Road and the trees which needed pruning. Mrs. Brookfield said there was a lot of absenteeism among Council employees and it was difficult to get work done, but she hoped that things would improve in the future. Another member, Mr. Bradshaw, said the bus stop, outside his house in Belle Vale Road was in a dangerous position. It was agreed that we investigate this problem.

This concluded the business of the meeting which was declared closed at 9.15 pm. after which Jane Carruthers, whom the Society had sponsored, showed us photographs and told us about her experiences on Operation Raleigh in Australia.

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