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THE GATEACRE SOCIETY
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Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting of the Society, held on Tuesday the 25 October 1991 at the Gateacre Institute, Grange Lane, Gateacre, Liverpool 25

PRESENT:

Mr. G.A. McCann - Chairman
Mr. T. Levitt - Hon. Vice-Chairman
Mr. H. & Mrs. J. Gadd - Joint Hon. Secretaries
Miss J. Gnosselius - Hon. Treasurer
Mrs. B. Plent - Hon. Membership Secretary
Mrs. S.M. Lewis - Hon. Environment Secretary

COMMITTEE

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

MEMBERS

Mr. Denton, Mrs. M. Bushell, Mr. L. Shepherd, Mr. P. Steer, Miss H. Newell, E. Kay, E. Bond, T. Bond, R. Kirkham, Mr. & Mrs. R. Kronenberg.

The Meeting commenced at 8.0 p.m. The Chairman welcomed all members.

1) Apologies for Absence received from Mr. T. McVeigh & Mr & Mrs. Godwin.

2) Minutes of the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting held on the 23rd October 1990, and previously circulated, were approved as a true record. They were proposed by Mr. H. Gadd, and seconded by Mrs. S. Lewis, and adopted.

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. This was proposed by Mrs. Cohen, and seconded by Mrs. Plent, and adopted. He also thanked Mrs. Lothian for drawing up a list of vacancies on the Committee in which new members might be interested in filling.

Hon. Treasurers Report - Miss Gnosselius circulated copies of the Receipts & Payments Account. She reported that the figures showed it had been a good year with our assets increased by £300; this is attributable to a profit of £200 on the sale of Gateacre tea-towels and to a donation of £200 reported last year but only figuring in this years accounts (our financial year runs to 10th October). Looking at the receipts column: subscriptions are steady, but we have sold less of other peoples books. On the payments side; postage is up a lot, and printing & stationery shows that we have had a supply of letterheads and membership cards printed & reflects the cost of having our Newsletter printed by The Rev. Daphne Roberts for the whole year. Speakers have cost us more, and the Local History Unit has been active & acquisitive.

In answer to questions from the floor, the Treasurer replied that the cheque not cleared was to the C.T.N.W., and the Society, being a registered charity, does not pay tax.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted by the meeting, and The Chairman thanked Miss Gnosselius for her work.

Hon. Membership Secretary's Report - Mrs. Plent said we had 279 members. 152 Family members, 71 Pensioner/Student members, 41 Individual members, 8 Life Members, 2 Corporate Members, and 5 Honorary members. Membership had slightly increased. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Plent for her work during the year. The Report was proposed by Mr. Gadd, and seconded by Mrs. Cohen, and adopted.

Local History Report Miss Borrowscale read the report giving a resume of what we had achieved over the past year. We have obtained the first photograph to show 'Crabtree Farm', and another one of 'Rose Hill.' We have also obtained an old photograph of the 'Smithy' c. 1900.

A deed dated 1741 showing William Barrow of Grange; and copies of the Wills of John Ingham, John Whitwell (the Quaker of Belle Vale Hall), and Lydia Brint (nee M... of Little Woolton have been obtained. Mrs. Lewis has completed the story of Grange Lodge/Grange Farm which will be included in the 1991 Woolton Annual. We received a letter from the Rockwood Museum, Delaware USA, asking for information about George Williams, Architect who designed buildings here, in Chester, Carlisle, and in America. We have done some research on the life of Joseph Shipley, of the firm of Joseph Shipley & Co. who in the mid 19th century lived at 'Wyncote' a house in Alleerton, designed by George Williams. We visited Preston Record Office and obtained information about Alehouses in Much & Little Woolton 1778-1800. We also copied Jurors lists from 1776-1792. Miss Borrowscale transcribed the 1871 census for Much Woolton, and we borrowed and xeroxed a copy of the 1881 census from the Liverpool F.H.S. We now have all census returns for Much & Little Woolton 1841-1881.

- 7) Chairmans Remarks Mr. McCann said that from the Secretaries report, it appears that The Society is flourishing. It was 17 years ago that a number of residents formed The Gateacre Society. Good work has been achieved by Mrs. Lewis, who, amongst other work for the Society, wrote the Newsletter. He finished by thanking the Committee for their hard work in helping to protect the Gateacre Conservation Area, which we feel has been useful in looking after the village and our listed buildings. Thanks also to the members for attending this A.G.M. Mr. McCann said at this juncture, there would be an interval for wine & biscuits.

The Business of the meeting resumed at 9.20 p.m.

8) Election of Officers

At this point, Mr. McCann stood down, and Mr. Gadd took the Chair. Miss Gnosspelius proposed Mr. McCann as Chairman. This was seconded by Mrs. Lewis. Mr. McCann was duly re-elected as Chairman of the Society. The following members having been proposed and seconded were duly elected. One nomination had been received for each position and there being no other nominations from the floor,

Vice-Chairman - Mr. T. Levitt. Hon. Secretaries Mr & Mrs. H. Gadd
Hon. Treasurer - Miss J. Gnosspelius. Hon. Secretary (Environment)
Mrs. S.M. Lewis

Hon. Secretary (Membership) Mrs. B. Plent.

Hon. Secretary (Minutes) Miss J. Borrowscale

- 9) Election of Committee Members At this point the Chairman told the meeting that the Vice-Chairman Mr. J. Williams had recently emigrated to Canada. The gift of a tankard had been presented to him from the Committee. On a sad note he told of the sudden death on the 17th December 1990 of Mr. Howard Haddleton, a member. He had been a good Committee Member, and a Gentleman, and to have worked with him was a privilege. He will be greatly missed.

The following members having been proposed and seconded, were elected. Mr. M. Chitty, Mrs. J. Cohen, Mrs. M. Lothian, Mrs. D. Myles, Miss I. Scott. New members included Mr. & Mrs. R. Kronenberg, Mr. F. Steer - proposed by Mrs. Lothian, and seconded by Mr. Chitty. Mr. R. Kirkham - proposed by Mr. Gadd, and seconded by Mrs. Gadd.

- 10) Any Other Business Mr. R. Kirkham told the meeting that a Seminar^{was} to be held at Huyton on the 2nd November 1991 about the 'New Mersey Forest' Price £16.80. He has more details if anyone is interested. Letter received from Mr. F.C. Woods regarding the sale of Childwall Abbey Playing Fields by the City Council, these lands were given by Lord Salisbury. An appeal fund is to be set up for support in fighting this sale, and it is hoped to obtain a Solicitor. The Gateacre Society offered a donation of £25.

Mr. Shepherd announced the annual Jumble Sale at the Gateacre Chapel is to be held on the 26th October at 2.0 p.m.

Mr. Kirkham pointed out the very bad state of Halewood Road, and asked was there anything we could do about it. This was noted.

The Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.