

THE GATEACRE SOCIETY  
Registered with the Civic Trust

Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 18th October 1994 at the Gateacre Institute, Grange Lane at 8.0 pm

PRESENT

Mr. G.A. McCann	Hon. Chairman
Mr. T. Levitt	Hon. Vice-Chairman
Mr. M. Chitty	Hon. Environment Secretary
Mrs. J. Gadd	Hon. Secretary
Miss J. Gnospelius	Hon. Treasurer
Miss J. Borrowscale	Hon. Minutes Secretary

MEMBERS

Mrs. J. Cohen, Miss L. Hodgetts, Miss E. Dean, E.M. Stanfield, Mr. L.G. Shepherd, Mrs. J. Jelley, Mrs. M. Bushell.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.0pm. welcoming those members present.

- 1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Mrs. B. Plent (Membership Sec.)
- 2) CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES of the 19th A.G.M. of 19th October/93  
These were confirmed as a true report.  
They were Proposed by Miss Gnospelius, and seconded by Mrs. J. Cohen  
They were then duly signed by the Chairman
- 3) Hon. Secretarys Report  
Mrs. Gadd read her report, which outlined all the events organised by the Society throughout the past year. Her report will be circulated to all members. Mr. McCann thanked her for her report.
- 4) HON. TREASURERS REPORT  
Miss Gnospelius produced her Receipts and Payments Account with copies to all members present. She outlined the main points of her Account. There were no questions from the floor. The Chairman thanked her for her report.
- 5) HON. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARYS REPORT Mrs. Plent was not at the meeting. Her Report was passed to Miss Borrowscale who read it to the meeting. We have a total membership of 283, but only 210 are paid up members. We gained 9 new members during the year. Mrs. Plent thanked committee members for their support.
- 6) LOCAL HISTORY REPORT Research by Miss Gnospelius/Miss Borrowscale  
We have found 'Sales by Auction' for various mansions and Houses in the area, in particular Woolton Tower, and Grange Lodge.  
We have also extended our knowledge of the Alehouses in Little Woolton in the 18th century. There were 3 Alehouses 'Black Bull, Bear and Ragged Staff, and the Talbot.  
Mr. McCann thanked the Local History Unit for their report.
- 7) Chairmans Remarks Mr. McCann thankèd all committee members for their valuable work throughout the year. Thanks also to Mr. Levitt for his help to him during the past year.  
He informed the meeting there would be refreshments of Biscuits and Wine after the conclusion of the meeting.

8) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman - There being no other nominations from the floor Mr. McCann was duly re-elected as Chairman

Vice-Chairman There being no other nominations - Mr. T. Levitt was duly re-elected as Vice-Chairman

Hon. Environment Secretary There being no other nominations, Mr. M. Chitty was re-elected as Environment Secretary

Hon. Secretary There being no other nomination, Mrs. Gadd was re-elected as Secretary

Hon. Treasurer Due to the retirement of Miss Gnosspeilius, and there being no other nominations - Miss E. Dean was elected as Treasurer.

Hon. Membership Secretary There being no other nomination, Mrs. Flent was re-elected in her absence.

Hon. Minutes Secretary There being no other nominations, Miss Borrowscall was elected.

9) ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Mrs. J. Cohen, Mrs. M. Lothian (Absent), and a new member Miss L. Hodgetts.

10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Chitty outlined the problems we have been having with the Tetley Pub Company, and the Black Bull Forecourt. He has had numerous telephone calls, and has written many letters to the Company in an endeavour to get the forecourt cobbles re-surfaced. It is his intention to put the following motion before the meeting :-

" That this Annual General Meeting of the Gateacre Society, condemns the Tetley Pub Company Ltd and Allied Lyons PLC for their blatant disregard for the heritage of the Gateacre Village Conservation Area, and the safety of pedestrians exercising their right of way across the Black Bulls forecourt. Notwithstanding, the decision of the Liverpool City Council to grant planning permission, which was based purely on the appearance from a distance of the cobbled surface. We call upon the Companies to admit that the cobbles were taken up, and re-laid incorrectly, and to reinstate the surface as it was, prior to September 1993. "

This was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Mr. McCann (Chairman) spoke about Miss J. Gnosspeilius' retirement as Treasurer, and from the Committee. She had been Treasurer of the Society since 1986. She had done this job very efficiently, and had kept the books in good order, and we will miss her expertise at our meetings. Mr. McCann presented her with a book token, for which she was pleased to accept.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Refreshments were then served.