

Asby History Group

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Asby History Group held on Wednesday 4th January 2017 at 8p.m. in The Three Greyhounds

Present: June and Mick Clayton, Carol and John Smith, Jackie Smart, Jackie Lambert, Graham Parkin(Chairman), Miles and Valerie Mandelson(Secretary)

Apologies: Peter Lambert. Keith Cooper, Erica and Paul Tarney, Elizabeth Parkin (Treasurer), Geoff and Anne Johnson.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6th January 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the accounts for the financial year ending November 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Elizabeth Parkin, Treasurer, was unable to be present but had sent a report which was read by the Chairman. Last year we had spent almost twice as much as we received in income. The total of £235 for speakers and visits equates to the £230 received in subscriptions from our 23 members. Consequently, expenditure on insurance, hall hire, web provision and any subsidies on visits was all funded from our reserve.

Geoff Johnson was also unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded a suggestion that, assuming both bodies agree, the AHG website could be hosted on the Parish Council's website, thereby saving approximately £100 per annum. Following discussion it was agreed that, subject to agreement of the Parish Council, the AHG website be hosted on that site

Subscriptions for coming year: It was agreed that subscriptions should be kept at the same level for the coming year i.e. £10 per individual but, that in light of the Treasurer's report, we cease the practice of subsidising members by £3 each when visiting places that charge an entrance fee.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary reported that it had been another interesting and successful year for the AHG during which time the following events/talks had taken place:

2015

December Carlisle Ghost Walk

2016

January AGM was held in Three Greyhounds attended by 16 members

February Routes over Shap – Jean Scott-Smith

March Discovering Lake District Villages – Andy Lowe

April Miner, butcher, spy – Germans and Austrians in Cumbria during WW1
- Rob David

May Carlisle during WW1 – David Carter

June Visit to Dacre Church and refreshments at Dalemain

July Summer recess

August	Visit to St Wilfred's, Brougham followed by tea at Brougham Hall
September	A guided visit by Alan Dent of Ormside Church
October	River Eden from source to the sea – An audio-visual presentation by Maurice Steele
November	Asby's own Dr Smith – Cannon David Weston

On behalf of all members the Secretary thanked the Chairman for his hard work in arranging such a varied and interesting programme

Election of Officers: There being no other nominations and with the incumbent Chair, Treasurer and Secretary all agreeable to continue in those roles it was agreed by those present that they be re-elected.

2017 Activities: Suggested speakers for the year included David Carter, Paul Hill, Peter Mackey (Settle and Carlisle Railway), Peter Messenger (Historical Buildings) and Professor Angus Winchester (Cumbria: an Historical Gazeteer) John Smith is now researching the Carvetti Tribe and would be willing to do a presentation later in the year. It was also suggested that a representative of Appleby Archaeological Society may be prepared to talk to the group about the exploratory digs on Appleby Golf Course.

Any other business: Jackie Smart reported that she had made a start on cataloguing the History Group resources stored in the Village Hall.

Following discussion it was agreed that:-

- Jackie continue with the task of compiling a list of all the resources stored
- Valerie to contact all members requesting that they detail any resources they hold on behalf of the History Group or any personal resources they have which may be of interest to the group or other group members.
- Jackie, Miles and Geoff to meet to discuss formats in which resources can be catalogued, stored and readily accessed by group members and how these might be incorporated into the existing website.

The Chairman thanked people for attending and the meeting closed at 9p.m.