

Asby History Group

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Asby History Group held on Wednesday 3rd January 2018 at 8p.m. in The Three Greyhounds

Present: Carol and John Smith, Sue and Andrew Savage, Geoff Johnson, Keith Cooper, Dave Freak, Maggie Johnson, Miles and Valerie Mandelson, Graham and Elizabeth Parkin

Apologies: Jackie and Peter Lambert, Jackie Smart, Erica and Paul Tarney, Annie Johnson

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4th January 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising: Jackie Smith had reported via the Secretary that whilst she had done some work on compiling a list of all of the History Group resources personal circumstances meant that she had not made as much progress as she had hoped.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the accounts for the financial year ending November 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Elizabeth Parkin, Treasurer, reported that there had been a surplus of income over expenditure for the year of £10. This was due in part to the fact that a number of speakers had provided their services free of charge. Monies due in respect of the visit to Drybeck Hall had, at the request of Lord Hothfield, been donated to St Lawrence's Church, Appleby.

In response to a question received from Peter Lambert regarding the OGS liability shown on the balance sheet Elizabeth explained that it was not a liability as such but rather money from OGS which had not been spent by the time the project ended. After discussion it was agreed that the OGS money could be absorbed into the general fund of the History Group and used for a specific project, yet to be identified, sometime in the future.

Andrew Savage kindly offered to donate a laptop for use by the History Group. Miles Mandelson suggested that we purchase a HDMI cable, a VGA cable and a 3.5mm to phono audio cable to enable us to fully utilise the new projector and screen recently installed in the Village Hall. He undertook to source and price same.

Subscriptions: Following discussion it was resolved to keep the subscription charge at the same level for the coming year i.e. £10 per individual.

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.

2017

January	AGM was held in the Three Greyhounds attended by 9 members
February	A talk by Wendy Higgins on William Collingwood, a talented watercolour artist who for many years worked as Ruskin's assistant at Brantwood.
March	A talk by Phil Hill on Richard III
April	A talk by David Carter – The story of Charles Graham Robertson, a local man who served in World War I and was awarded the Victoria Cross and Military Medal.

May	A talk by John Rayment – The story of the restoration of ‘Harriet’ the last surviving Fleetwood built and registered fishing smack
June	A visit to the Pele tower at Clifton which is the only remaining part of Clifton Hall, a 14 th century manor house and to St Cuthbert’s Church, Clifton
July	A visit to Drybeck Hall, a listed Grade 2 traditional farmhouse built in 1679 and home to Lord Hothfield and his wife.
August	No meeting
September	A visit to St Laurence’s Church at Morland
October	A presentation on the Westmorland Dales project which is funded by a grant from the Heritage Lottery. The project aims to unlock and reveal the hidden heritage of the Westmorland Dales
November	An audio-visual presentation ‘From a tiny acorn’ by Maurice Steel which looked at the origins of the National Trust.
December	Christmas meal at The Three Greyhounds

Members thanked the Chairman for his hard work in arranging such a varied and interesting programme

Elections 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.

2018 Activities

In February Keith Cooper will be giving a presentation entitled 'Discovering Asby's Historical Landscape: an aerial view'.

In March the meeting has been moved to 14th which coincides with a music event taking place in the pub. The Chairman suggested that the meeting could start at an earlier time to accommodate those members who might wish to also attend the music evening and this was agreed to by those present.

In May Phil Hill will give a talk the title of which is to be confirmed and it hoped that Maurice Steele will join us in November to give another audio—visual presentation.

Any other business

Keith Cooper updated members on progress in the Westmorland Dales Project. A model is emerging where parishes within the area are developing a framework for working. Parish History Groups are supported by people from the Dales project and there are opportunities for Asby History Group to become involved in the teams that operate in each parish. Keith suggested a meeting to discuss the possibility of looking at a project but thought it would be useful to involve Dave Evans who has previously spoken to the group. It was felt we need a clearer view of what is expected and when and what we as a parish can do.

It was suggested that the History Group could consider having some more of the ‘Guided walk around Asby’ booklet printed. Elizabeth agreed to get costs for reprinting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15p.m.