

MILTON KEYNES HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MKHA MEMBERS MEETING Wednesday 27th March 2019 at North Crawley Institute 7.00pm for 7.30pm

PRESENT

Robert Excell (Chair)	Individual Member
Dave Muston (Vice Chair)	Calverton Records Project
Dianne Sutton (Exec)	Bradwell Parish Heritage Group
(Hon. Sec.)	Post Vacant
Cheryl Butler (Minutes)	Deanshanger Village Heritage Society
Charlotte Hall (Treasurer)	Woughton Heritage Group
Alan Cooper (IT Officer)	New Bradwell Heritage Group
Jennifer Cooper (Social Media Officer)	New Bradwell Heritage Group
Catherine McIntyre (Exec)	MK City Discovery Centre
Neil Loudon (Exec)	Milton Keynes Museum Society
Shane Downer	Milton Keynes Council – Senior Heritage Development Officer
Chris Stapleton	North Crawley Historical Society
John Brandon	North Crawley Historical Society
Athina Beckett	Buckingham Canal Society
Kathy Dentith	Newport Pagnell Historical Society
Barbara Evelyn	Newport Pagnell Historical Society
Mike Wittle	St Mary's Church, Bletchley
Peter Barnes	Simpson Historical Society
Helene Hill	Buckingham Old Gaol
Kay Meadows	Buckingham Old Gaol
Brian Giggins	Towcester & District Local History Society & Towcester Historic Survey
Wendy Page	Individual Member (Cosgrove)
Sue Blake	Cosgrove & Haversham Societies
John Gosling	Individual Member
Amanda Moulcher	The Cowper and Newton Museum
Roger Emery	Wolverton & District Archaeological & Local History Society

APOLOGIES

Bill Griffiths (Hon President)	Milton Keynes Museum
Michael Held	Two Villages Archive Trust
Dave Heyward	CLASP
Representative	Road Local History Society
Ian Michie	Individual Member & MK Public Arts Trust
Aggie O'hara	MK Libraries – Local Studies
Keith Burrows	Individual Member
Tim Skelton	MK Forum
Anna Mc Evoy (Exec)	Stowe House Preservation Trust
Diane Kesterton	Bow Brickhill Society
Roly Doggett	Bletchley Archaeological & Historical Society
Jennifer Cooper (Social Media Officer)	New Bradwell Heritage Group
John Clarke	Woburn Heritage Centre

Item	Matters Discussed	Action
1.0	<p>Welcome The Chair, Robert, welcomed all to the meeting and introduced John Brandon, chair of North Crawley Historical Society. Robert outlined the meeting agenda. John greeted attending members and gave a brief history of North Crawley and the Institute building and the connections to the Boswell family. He also described recently uncovered material about the erection of the village War Memorial from Parish Magazines</p>	
2.0	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting Minutes from the last meeting 28th November 2018 at St Mary's Church, Bletchley were approved</p>	
3.0	<p>Speaker – Shane Downer Milton Keynes Council, Senior Heritage Development and International Partnerships Officer</p> <p>Shane outlined MKC strategies aimed at making Milton Keynes a European destination city of Cultural Heritage. Using MK's 50th anniversary in 2017 as a starting point, and including activities where MKHA has direct link such as HOD's events and the Festival of History will be built on to accomplish the aim Shane outlined all the proposed events below explaining the cultural and heritage aspects and links</p> <p>Programme for 2019 Recent opening of the new MK Gallery Central Library and City Archive Phase 1 – trialling a 2 year pilot archive service. MKHA is a stakeholder and potential partner in the City Archive.</p> <p>Design for Living an International housing conference in May 22-23 hosted by MK Gallery</p> <p>MK 2050 Futures Commission exhibition July 2019 which includes Cultural and heritage proposals. Along with New Town focussed 'Design City' projects are continuing building a network of cities that can share learning and support the growth of MK whilst recognising the unique heritage value input into the 2050 consultation proposals</p> <p>Heritage Open Days across extended period 13th-22nd September aims to reach 100 events this year</p> <p>Festival of Creative Urban Living experiment with Raumlabor architects 29th September – 13th October 2019</p> <p>Proposals for 2020 Application to become European City of Sport (bid goes in this year) which includes Our Sporting Life Heritage</p> <p>Shane gave an update on the status of the New Town Heritage List being led by MKC Senior Conservation Officer Simon Peart, who is collating and researching details of all the 239 submissions. Once this is complete a Steering Panel upon which MKHA Exec will have representation (along with MKCDC, Historic England, MK Forum) will hopefully start to begin meeting Autumn 2019.</p>	
4.0	<p>Festival of History 2019 15th & 16th June, Campbell Park Dave Muston and Robert Excell are members of the event Steering Committee representing MKHA. Dave gave an update on the event proposals illustrated by use of images from the 2017 event. Highlighting the improvements to publicity, site layout, direction signage, and event programming that is to be addressed this time.</p> <p>The event is aimed at a family audience attracted by the major re-enactment activities and demonstrations. MKHA stalls should be family friendly, interesting and have free activities for visitors, recommended that each group has a minimum of 2 people manning a stand throughout the day.</p> <p>Small amount of MKHA group sales is being allowed this year but must be a subsidiary not a main activity.</p>	

	<p>2 tables per member group are being allocated – bring own ‘picnic’ chairs. Event Insurance is supplied for participants (Bucks Canal Society with barge section on trailer has its own cover)</p> <p>There is grant available of up to £80 per attendee group for exhibition materials, pull-up banners, costume , activity costs – please make applications as soon as you can. These qualify under special status category and will not affect any other existing grant applications or proposed project applications. Banners like last year will be designed and printed professionally content deadline 30th April 2019</p> <p>4.1 MKHA Festival of History Workshop Saturday May 11th 2pm – 5pm @ MKCDC, Bradwell Abbey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme will include event update • discuss activity and costume ideas • logistic details re access, set up and breakdown for the event <p>Contact Dave Muston for further information or to become a participant: david@davidmustondesign.co.uk FOH Grant application forms available from MKHA Treasurer, Charlotte Hall: MKHAtreasurer@gmail.com</p> <p>5.0 MKHA Other Events & Activities</p> <p>5.1 May 2019 is Bucks Borders Heritage Month (event listing publicity vehicle organised by Stowe National Trust). On behalf of members Robert has submitted all MKHA known May events for inclusion in the event listings</p> <p>5.2 HODs 2019 Deadline for all 2019 events for inclusion in the brochure is end of May – please get your event information to Mel or Rachel at Living Archive MK</p> <p>5.3 CMK Library <u>Discover MK</u> currently showing 1990s retro exhibition <u>Ichthyosaur</u> Exhibition and quiz (event goodie bags funded through MKHA grant) has proved incredibly popular and since Christmas ghas had over 1000 participants, still running</p> <p>5.4 MK Museum – HERstory exhibition opened in one of the new galleries, runs until 28th July</p> <p>6.0 Treasurer’s Report - Charlotte Hall</p> <p>6.1 Finances as at 22/03/19 Business Banking Instant £3,433.10 Treasurer’s Account £14,330.25 Long term account - Hampshire Trust Bank £5321.89</p> <p>6.2 Current Membership: 70 groups and individual members New Group Members: Potterspurty History Group and Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust New Individual Members: Wendy Page of Cosgrove, Keith Burrows Author of MK Archaeology Report, John Gosling of Linford</p> <p>7.0 MKHA Grants - Neil</p> <p>7.1 MKC Grant to MKHA Grant funding for 2019/20 is agreed as Year 3 of the three year funding commitment from MKC. Robert thanked Shane on behalf of Members for the continued support. Sources of other grant monies needs to be invstigated</p> <p>7.2 Member Grants £250 - £750 Grants are available through applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants apply to those members outside of MK unitary as well as within • Must be a member for at least 18mths • No grant will be offered to the same organisation within 18mths– with possible exceptions for special events, e.g. HODs, Festival of History <p>If you need help or assistance contact any Exec Member or contact: mkhabuckspoint.org Forms are downloadable from the MKHA website. Applications must meet the MKHA Grant criteria (laid down and compatible with MK Council’s own criteria)</p> <p><u>Simpson History Group</u>: ring-fenced <i>Conflict to Cosmopolis</i> is outstanding awaiting completion</p>	ALL
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	<p>St Mary's Bletchley – £676 Digitising documents found in the church <u>Bow Brickhill</u> – reprint of existing leaflet (£37.50) <u>Road Local History Society</u> (£750) - Phase 1 part-funding costs of model construction & Phase 2: Transport Red Plaque installation costs <u>CMK Library</u> – £500 Branded Goodie Bag for Ichthyosaur project</p>
8.0	MKHA News
8.1	<p>MKHA Newsletter – Alan Cooper Circulation increasing up by 15%</p>
8.2	<p>MKHA Website – Alan Cooper SSL secure site certificates are being investigated this certificate offers site browsers assurance that the MKHA website and its member sites are safe and secure.</p>
8.3	<p>MKHA IT Sessions Wednesday mornings from 9,30am Living Archive Hut at Milton Keynes Museum. Gives members a chance to work on their websites, and exchange information and ideas</p>
8.4	<p>ARCH-MK: Safeguarding the archives UPDATE Project is still being worked on and the new Heritage Fund grant (new name for Heritage Lottery Fund) categories are being investigated as to how best to proceed</p>
9.0	<p>MEMBER REPORTS <i>Remember images tell the story of your event/activity much better. Please send to Dave prior to the next meeting: david@ davidmuston design.co.uk</i></p>
9.1	<p>CLASP- Dave Hayward in absentia <i>Report sent not able to open link</i></p>
9.2	<p>Buckinghamshire Canal Society – Athina Beckett Presentation showing work on the towpath as part of the Society's ongoing restoration/construction work at Cosgrove Bridge on the Buckingham Arm of the Grand Union Canal. Materials are paid through a received grant, but all labour is voluntary.</p>
9.3	<p>Calverton Records Project – Dave Muston Presentation of the work on restoration and replacement of All Saints Church Bells in Calverton. Included visit to White's foundry in Oxon, the making of 3 new replacement bells and the re-hanging of the 8 bells back in the tower.</p>
9.4	<p>Buckingham Old Gaol – Helene Hill Prisoners exhibition has proved popular and attracted 2 great granddaughters of the Old Gaol's Superintendent who also lived in the house that formed part of the Gaol.</p> <p>Grant of £440 from Arts Society used to create the costume for figure of William Giles, the first Chief Constable of the town's own police force</p> <p>Old Gaol will host next MKHA meeting and a tour of the site prior to the meeting is offered from 6pm</p>
9.5	<p>Road Local History Society – in absentia Vivian Blyth Reported the sad news of the death of Chairman Bill Hudson Society's model railway (built as part of the village's 150th Cutting celebrations) has made news item in LNW Society 2019 railway competition</p>
9.6	<p>North Crawley – John Brandon Working on HODs 2019 event to include Church display and field walk activities - for the first HODs weekend</p>
9.7.1	<p>Towcester Historical Society - Brian Giggins Mayor's Fund competition "Maiden's Quest" will run for 3 weeks Search & find activity - shops in the town will host shields each with different letters to solve the puzzle. Forms will cost £3 each with prizes awarded (latter donated by local businesses).</p>
9.7.2	<p>Towcester Historic Survey – Brian Giggins</p>

	<p>Recording local vicarage (available as incumbent has left) Early parts date back to 1540 inglenook fireplace and early 17th century timbers found. Premises of an Estate Agents (now closed down) had mid 17th century timbers Antique Shop has unusual timbers and was once site of a coaching inn traced to 1800s.</p>	
9.8	<p>St Mary's Church, Bletchley – Mike Wittle work on conservation, preservation and digitising of documents and King James I Bible found in the Church, Digitising of community documents undertaken by Chris Lowe Centre for Bucks Studies assisted by MKHA grant Talk by Roly Doggett of BAHS on Browne Willis and Revd Cole raised £275 towards the project</p>	
9.9	<p>Deanshanger Village Heritage Society – Cheryl Butler Presentation of recently installed Deanshanger Roman Villa exhibition installed in the Deanshanger Primary School heritage exhibition area</p> <p>Posters and reports of the recent activities held by DVHS Memories Group collected 8 new recordings of Christmas celebrations by villagers. <i>Who When and Where</i> social event where members were invited along to help identify people and events from photos in the archive</p>	
9.10	<p>Wolverton & District Local History & Archaeological Society – Roger Emery Reported on recent visits to Hertfordshire University and Tour of Stowe House Local History Book Fair (Garage sale of the Society's large back catalogue) being held 14th & 15th June at 12 Egmont Avenue Stony Stratford</p>	
9.11	<p>The Cowper and Newton Museum – Amanda Molcher Museum has completed its Heritage Lottery grant funded project Now plans are underway for the 250th Anniversary celebrations of "Amazing Grace" in 2022</p>	
9.12	<p>Simpson History Group – Peter Barnes 2019 Lecture series includes Colditz Escape routes Charles Warren a Victorian mystery story as he built Simpson House had a natural child with a woman from Bow Brickhill, but cut out the natural son from inheritance Scandal at Simpson about the Revd William Rice who neglected his flock Bletchley Park billetees in Simpson (</p>	
9.13	<p>Woughton History Group – Charlotte Hall Work being undertaken on re-drawing the enclosure map the one drawn up by MKDC had several errors. Once complete will form part of new archaeology survey /dig planned for further investigation of The Green</p>	
9.14	<p>New Individual Member Wendy Page Work with Sue Blake on building Cosgrove website: cosgrovehistory.co.uk</p> <p>New Individual Member John Gosling Researching and creating website for Great Linford – John is starting from family history aspect as this is his area of experience</p>	
10.0	<p>AOB The Arts Council is now the overseeing body for Libraries</p>	
11.0	<p>Next Meeting – 2019 Dates for your diaries</p> <p>Thursday 27th June 2019 - Old Gaol, Buckingham Museum tour: 6pm Refreshments: 7.15pm Meeting start: 7.30pm</p> <p>September 2019 - AGM Granary Tea Room Milton Keynes Museum – date tbc</p> <p>Tuesday 19th November 2019 - Rectory Cottages, Bletchley</p> <p>Further information, papers and details will be circulated nearer each meeting date via MKHA News, so please make sure you're signed up</p>	

