

MILTON KEYNES HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MKHA MEMBERS MEETING

Wednesday 27th June 2019 at The Old Gaol, Buckingham
6pm for Tour Meeting 7.00pm for 7.30pm

PRESENT

Robert Excell (Chair)	Individual Member
Dave Muston (Vice Chair)	Calverton Records Project
(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
Neil Loudon (Exec)	Milton Keynes Museum Society
Anna Mc Evoy (Exec)	Stowe House Preservation Trust
Jennifer Cooper (Social Media Officer)	New Bradwell Heritage Group
Athina Beckett	Buckingham Canal Society
Stewart Armstrong	Newport Pagnell Historical Society
Carol Walker	Newport Pagnell Historical Society
Peter Barnes	Simpson Historical Society
Helene Hill	Buckingham Old Gaol
Kay Meadows	Buckingham Old Gaol
Kevin Burnett	Bletchley Archaeological & Historical Society
Brian Giggins	Towcester & District Local History Society & Towcester Historic Survey
Wendy Page	Individual Member (Cosgrove)
Sue Blake	Cosgrove & Haversham Societies
Amanda Moulcher	The Cowper and Newton Museum
Ian Michie	Individual Member & MK Public Arts Trust
Vivian Blyth	Road Local History Society
Stephen Blyth	Road Local History Society
Julie Dawes	The Parks Trust

APOLOGIES

Bill Griffiths (Hon President)	Milton Keynes Museum
Michael Held	Two Villages Archive Trust
Dianne Sutton (Exec)	Bradwell Parish Heritage Group
Catherine McIntyre (Exec)	MK City Discovery Centre
Roger Emery	Wolverton & District Archaeological & Local History Society
Chris Stapleton	North Crawley Historical Society
Shane Downer	Milton Keynes Council – Senior Heritage Development Officer
Mike Wittle	St Mary's Church, Bletchley
Aggie O'hara	MK Libraries – Local Studies
Tim Skelton	MK Forum
John Gosling	Individual Member
John Clarke	Woburn Heritage Centre

Item	Matters Discussed	Action
1.0	<p>Welcome The Chair, Robert, welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Helene Hill, Buckingham Old Gaol for arranging the tour and hosting meeting. Robert outlined the meeting agenda. Helene welcomed everyone and hoped they had enjoyed the exhibitions. She added for a more in depth view come back for free entry during Heritage Open Days; a crafts exhibition will be in the courtyard as well.</p>	
2.0	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting Minutes from the last meeting 27th March 2019 at North Crawley Matters arising Post of MKHA Hon Secretary still vacant</p>	
3.0	<p>Speaker – Julie Dawes, The Parks Trust The trust was set up about 25 years ago to look after the open spaces of MK, This now covers 25% of the city area. The Trust received an endowment from MKDC the income from properties in MK and elsewhere support the work of around 75 staff, supported by volunteers. There are several teams of in-house staff who do maintenance work supported by specialist contractors. They have also benefited from several successful scheme to train young people in this work. Julie co-ordinates events on Parks Trust land such as the Festival of History in which MKHA was recently involved. The Parks Trust land contains many heritage sites, such as Linford Brick Kilns and Linford Manor Park. As MKHA members come from all around MK you can assist Parks Trust in its audit of recording the condition of the heritage information panels located around MK, which were installed by the Development Corporation. Most, though not all, of these are on Parks Trust land. If any MKHA members know of these panels could they please contact Robert Excell - excellheritage@outlook.com</p>	
4.0	<p>Festival of History 2019. 15th & 16th June, Campbell Park – Members Feedback The number of MKHA members involved was similar to the 2017 event with three new participants, taking the place of three unable to participate. It was felt that displays were even better than last time helped by the MK Community Foundation grant. A total of over 1,000 volunteer hours was spent preparing the displays which were most impressive. The re-enactments were very similar to 2017 and were again excellent. The weather was variable. We were very lucky (in addition to being inside marquees) that the forecasted weather didn't deter more attendees. The consensus is that between 5,000 and 6,000 attended – a similar number to 2017. As before the audience was predominantly families with children in the age of 5-12 age range. More people did make it down to the lower stage area into the MKHA marquees. The WW1 'Under the Wire@ activities beside the marquees worked very well to bring people to the lower area and the 'stage events worked better too. The Play Association activities in the middle tent were excellent The directions from the Shopping Centre need to be much improved. Next time we need to work with Shopping Centre with some events/screens/signs to improve awareness and draw people into Campbell Park. The fliers could have been better, especially the maps Local Radio needs to be engaged We should publicise the event to parents by e-mail through schools and parish councils Buses may also be a place to advertise Everyone had an enjoyable time but the same mistakes were made as last time</p>	
5.0	<p>MKHA Other Events & Activities</p>	
5.1	<p>HODs 2019 13th – 22nd September 2019 – 25th anniversary Update: 150 events planned, brochure will shortly go to print final proof corrections/amends should be returned by 04/07/19. Late events can still be added to website. Alan was thanked for all his hard work in compiling the MK website so professionally for all these years. Alan has decided to step down from running it due to the amount of resource that it now involves as the event has grown so big.</p>	

6.0	Treasurer's Report - Charlotte Hall	
6.1	Finances Business Banking Instant £3,433.53 Treasurer's Account £22,431.74 includes MKCF Festival of History grant money Long term account - Hampshire Trust Bank £5321.89	ALL
6.2	Current Membership: 72 groups and 6 individual members	
7.0	MKHA Grants - Neil	
7.1	MKC Grant to MKHA Report to MK Council on last year's MKHA Grant has been submitted to Shane. The Grant is now in its last year and MKHA Exec has asked for future support as in Council terms this small amount of money distributed to groups does make a big difference. MKHA to be advised after MK Council consideration.	
7.2	Member Grants £250 - £750 Grants are available through applications: <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 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><u>Simpson History Group</u>: ring-fenced <i>Conflict to Cosmopolis</i> is outstanding awaiting completion St Mary's Bletchley – £676 Digitising documents found in the church is underway <u>Bow Brickhill</u> – reprint of existing leaflet (£37.50) completed <u>CMK Library</u> – £500 Branded Goodie Bag for Ichthyosaur project completed</p>	
8.0	MKHA News	
8.1	MKHA Newsletter – Alan Cooper The issue and distribution of the MKHA bookmark with contact details and Newsletter address has significantly increased sign-ups to the latter. When forwarding the newsletter can members please remember to remove the unsubscribe footer link, or you will find yourself removed if any of your members unsubscribe link	
8.2	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 to any visitors.	
8.3	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	
9.0	ARCH-MK: Safeguarding the archives UPDATE Project is still being worked for a Heritage Fund grant. The application is being worked upon.	
10.0	MEMBER REPORTS	
	<i>Remember images tell the story of your event/activity much better. Please send to Dave prior to the next meeting: david@ davidmustondesign.co.uk</i>	
10.1.1	Buckinghamshire Canal Society – Athina Beckett Leaflet tabled advertising Cosgrove Canal Festival 20-21 st July Ouse Valley Walk at the Canal at the Buckingham end see website	
10.2	Bletchley Archaeological & Historical Society – Kevin Burnett Informed the meeting on the Lecture meetings schedule and the forthcoming visit to Edgehill Civil War battle site to which all members are welcome,	
10.3	Stowe House – Anna McEvoy Full programme of summer activities is available to see on-line	

10.4	<p>Buckingham Old Gaol – Helene Hill Temporary exhibition Buckingham 1369 will continue until September it includes replicas of longbows and information about the Buckinghamshire bowmen who fought in France. September: courtyard will hold a Folk Group gig. Next exhibition ‘Buckingham between the Wars’ is based on a Buckingham 1932 diary.</p>	
10.5	<p>Public Arts Forum – Ian Michie The main focus is saving the Bicycle wall mural in Stantonbury due to a building development – an important MK community artwork of tiled wall art that is under threat of destruction through suggested removal which experts say will be impossible to do without sever damage.</p>	
10.6	<p>Simpson Historical Society- Peter Barnes Planned talk - Centennial of Revd William Rice, the notorious Rector of Simpson Exhibition for HODs on Simpson billeting of Bletchley Park employees</p>	
10.7	<p>Milton Keynes Museum – Neil Loudon Packed programme of summer events and activities – see on-line New Gallery Special exhibitions: HERstory -extend to end of August, women’s stories told through objects. The Button Hook Society exhibition fantastic collection on display</p>	
10.8	<p>Woughton Heritage Group - Charlotte Hall Work continues on re-drawing the Enclosures Map it involves a lot of research and resource of people and time</p>	
10.9	<p>Newport Pagnell Historical Society – Carol Walker Visit and tour of Bradwell Common houses and Linford Lakes and Linford Manor Park House completed. Summer season of walking tours about to start including ‘Forgotten Streets of Newport Pagnell’ led by Don Hurst</p>	
10.10	<p>The Cowper and Newton Museum – Amanda Molcher Museum is creating a Georgian based exhibition at Discover Milton Keynes, Central Library (November to January) that will extend to the rest of the first floor of the Library. Bringing Olney to MK, a Georgian Story and will include other Georgian landscapes that can be found in MK area</p>	
10.11	<p>Roade Local History Society – Steven Blyth Publishing the research undertaken for the village’s 150th anniversary of the Cutting Creating a documentary play about 3 Every brothers from Roade who were killed in the WW2</p>	
10.12	<p>Deanshanger Village Heritage Society – Cheryl Butler As a result of a visitor to our stall at festival of History a former teacher has sent us a donation of iron filings for our Oxide Works laboratory display. Thanks to MKHA grant in helping us purchase some missing lab equipment items for the display.</p>	
11.0	<p>AOB None raised</p>	
12.0	<p>Next Meeting – 2019 Dates for your diaries AGM - Wednesday 25th September 2019, Granary Tea Room, Milton Keynes Museum, 7pm for 7.30pm Member Meeting: Tuesday 19th November 2019 - Rectory Cottages, Bletchley 7pm for 7.30pm Further information, papers and details will be circulated nearer each meeting date and via MKHA News, so please make sure you’re signed up</p>	