

'Preserving the Past for the Future'

EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 20th JANUARY 2018

Commencing at 10.00hrs

Chatterley Whitfield Enterprise Centre

Minutes of the meeting

1. Persons Present

Nigel Bowers, Darren Evans, Geoff Brownsword, Henry McDonald, Alan Danby, Steve Mountford, John Young, Geoff Woodwood, Bill Bratt, Chris Newcombe, Izzy Jack, Jammie Evans, Barry Ashley, Paul Rushton, Mike Ansell, Brittain Adams, Leonard Morris, Mark O'Grady

2. Apologies

Roy Meldrum, Lloyd Boardman, Alexander Cope, Mike Taylor, Paul Fisher

Before the meeting commenced all present stood for a two minute silence in remembrance of the Minnie Pit disaster and also Gerry Etchells, a former chair who passed away before Christmas.

3. Election of Officials.

N.B. Updated the meeting informing all present for the reason for the EGM so soon after the AGM in November. It had been felt that there was a need to revise the constitution and also to consider Charitable Status. However during the Christmas period the Deputy Chair Jim McPhillips decided to stand down due to personal reasons - but remain as a member. Just before the New Year Jim Worgan also decided to stand with similar circumstances. Then in January Andrew Bakewell stood down as he felt that he was not in a position to dedicate enough time to effectively manage the new proposals with regard to Charitable Status. N.B. as the only remaining executive committee member initially chaired the meeting.

Election of Chair :	Darren Evans -	Proposed - Nigel Bowers Seconded - Geoff Brownsword
Election of Deputy Chair:	Mark O'Grady -	Proposed - Nigel Bowers Seconded - Henry McDonald
Election of Treasurer:	Brittain Adams -	Proposed - Darren Evans Seconded - Nigel Bowers

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#### 4. Adoption of New Constitution

D.E. as newly elected chair proceeded with the meeting and thanked N.B. and Mike Ansell for the work that had been put into regarding the new proposed constitution which the members had been made aware of via numerous emails. The original one has been adapted back in 2007 and did not reflect the present. Jim McPhillips produced a new one but it was never ratified. It was acknowledged that it was out of date with regard to Charitable Status. but in its present form was a true reflection of the way 'The Friends' were going. The meeting was then addressed by M.A. who went through the proposed new constitution, updating members. M.A. presented a very thorough and informative look at the constitution, highlighting a number of changes and amendments which generated discussion.

The new Constitution was unanimously voted for and adopted.

#### 5. Charitable Status

The general consensus of the meeting was that Charitable Status was something that we should consider as it may open up more avenues particularly when it comes to future funding.

D.E. thanked M.A. who had done a lot of research into the subject and prepared numerous documents which had been previously circulated to all members. The members present at the meeting were in possession of the paperwork.

M.A. presented his findings to the meeting, which again generated a very active discussion, covering a number of subjects, which included: Aims and Purposes, the type of Charitable Status to look at (C.I.O.) , patrons, trustees, executive committee.

The meeting unanimously voted to 'GO' for charitable status, with D.E. again thanking M.A. for his work on the subject and his willingness to progress it further.

#### 6. Update on Discussions with the City Council - Building 29B

N.B. informed the meeting on the update on Building 29B which had been offered free by the City Council to replace our present building that is used on site, the Deployment Centre.

We had a meeting with Julian Read, Anthony Williamson and Stephanie Burkinshaw from the City Council on Thursday 11th January.

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## 7. Update on Digitization Grant.

N.B. informed the meeting that the application for a grant for around £10,000.00 had been successful and he had the necessary paperwork which needed signing before any funds could be released.

## 8. Any other Business

- i) M.A. brought to the attention of the meeting the document on Volunteers Rights which he had had a look at and amended accordingly. The Rights were accepted by the members at the meeting.
- ii) Access to the site- Update by N.B. - The CCTV would go live on 1st February 2018 and there would be a gradual withdrawal of the security over the following 14 days. The council were looking at introducing a Permit to Access procedure and also erecting more internal fencing so the 'Friends' could access the Deployment Centre without going on site from Building 29b
- iii) Brittain Adams asked the meeting if he could be supported for a meeting he was attending in London - Princes Regeneration Trust. The meeting agreed to his request.
- iv) N.B. Informed the meeting of the Heritage Open Weekend, which this year will be over two weekends, Chatterley usually opens on the Saturday and Sunday those the dates will be September 8th and 9th and September 15th and 16th. There had been a meeting by the Potteries Heritage Society were they were trying to coordinate all the events around the City. As far as the 'Friends' are concerned we have the volunteers to do both weekends.
- v) Honorary Membership - The chair suggested that in recognition of all the work that Jim Worgan and Jim McPhillips had done for the 'Friends' that they be made Honorary Members. Members voted unanimously in favour of this.
- vi) D.E. asked the meeting that in view of there being members taking up executive posts off the committee two members could be elected to replace them. He proposed Jamie Evans and Geoff Owen. Unanimously accepted.
- vii) Before the meeting ended we were enlightened by Geoff Owen who did a presentation on a project he was working on, The Chatterley Whitfield Project 2018. All details on this exciting project can be found on the website: <http://www.cw.ourdvd.co.uk>

The meeting closed at 13.00hrs