



'Preserving the Past for the Future'

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10 AM

Saturday 12th November 2022

### AGENDA

1. Persons Present And Apologies
2. Declarations Of Interest
3. Health And Well-Being
4. Minutes of last AGM
5. Chair's report
6. Secretary's report
7. Membership report
8. Financial Report
9. Election Of Posts
10. Vision 2020-2025
11. Remembrance garden and building 30
12. A.O.B.



## Persons Present

N.T.Bowers, D.Bowers, M.O'Grady, I.Newsome, M.Ansell, H.McDonald, G. Brownsword, P. Steadman, J. Worgan, A.James, L.Boardman, A. Lias, A Cartlidge, J.Hutchinson, J.Taylor, J.Dayson, P.Cucyk, A.Hall, P.Clews, J., R., R.Bryne, R.Cope, J.Cope, R. Meldrum

## Apologies

Alan Beardmore, Alan Danby, S.J.Bowers, A. Simcock & Graham Unwin

## Declaration of interest

N/A

## Health and well-being

N/A

## Minutes of last AGM

GB proposed the minutes of the last AGM to be a true reflection. Seconded by HM.

NB: Vision was adopted in March 2022. No further update on this.

NB: Heritage Centre now has new roof insulation and we have £3,600 left of that budget.

NB: Zoom meetings were very productive.

NB: Raised £400. From the chippings and Reaseheath should be coming back before the end of the year.

NB: Keepmoat haven't come back to help use with the cage. Any suggestions welcome to help move it are welcome.

MO: to speak to Matthew Pope about his. We also need to decide where it will go and put a base down to it's final resting place.

NB: meeting on 17th November with the council regards Building 30.

NB: change in policy with access to the site where we now have to put in a permit to access now with the Council as well as a risk assessment. Every site visit. They will accept a generic PTA for the whole of next year, but rarely acknowledge receipt.

JD: there are 3 people here that were Safety Inspectors and we have all done them.

NB: Spoke with council who have agreed to put on a Health and Safety course. No Dates.

NB: Graham Unwin took up Trustees post last summer. We still haven't found any co-opted Trustees yet.

## Chair's Report



NB: Report had been circulated to all members so a brief summary was given - It has been a good year. The report being based on the objectives of the charity. Have we achieved the objectives? NB was confident that they had.

#### Site News

Not a good year regards the site because of the burglary on the 7th June.

DB: broke in on 7th June, September gave the police DNA and fingerprints and in October did an ID parade and haven't heard anything since.

NB; the offenders were on site for 2/3 hours and were highlighted to this by a member. On contacting CCTV they informed us that security were too busy to attend and this applied to the Police as well. CCTV saw Kids were on site and they were told to leave, but didn't so members of the 'Friends' went on site. It was discovered that the Deployment Centre had been broken into, unknown artefacts stolen. Whilst on site four older male offenders were disturbed trying to break into the Walker fan. All captured on CCTV, BUT FOUND OUT CAMERAS COULD NOT FOCUS ON THE OFFENDERS. This is an ongoing Police enquiry. Lamphouse has been savaged this year. Offenders coming in through roof, causing damage, lighting fires and leaving their signature by way of graffiti. After some investigation, someone has been identified as the vandal via Instagram. No feedback from the City Council Social officer at the council after this has been passed on.

DB: someone was had been broadcasting live on Youtube.

NB: Decided to offer the Council a protocol. They have suggested that when someone is on site when they shouldn't be - The Friends should ring the Police first. Not acceptable.

#### Building 30

PC: asked about the Ken Salt building (building 30)

NB: Been in and the cost according to the Council to clean it is £220,000 (quote from 2014). The quotes from summer this year - £5000 of work to get rid of the asbestos which is in an office. £5000 to repair the roof and £25,000 to remove all of the pigeon guano. Council will not give us the building unless it repaired (they haven't the money to repair it). Meeting on the 17th November where we may get access.

JW: suggestion of a joint grant bid with the council to Heritage England.

NB: Already tried.

MO: could we have an independent quote?

NB: we are quite lucky to have Tony Rushton (chartered architect) he has already done a lot of work on the building for us.

NB: create a sub committee from the management committee to oversea the building.

NB: great year. Thanks to Ali for bringing Nick Knowles along. We are working well with Urban Wilderness.



## **Secretary's report**

### **Social Media**

#### **Secretary report 2021/2022**

2021 Instagram - 758 followers and 1790 historical and current photographs shared.

2022 Instagram - 827 followers and 1882 historical and current photographs shared.

Facebook - 12th November 2020 (3365) to 12th November 2021 (3596).

Facebook - 12th November 2021 (3596) to 10th November 2022 (4024).

Countless urban pages have been joined by myself and I am constantly checking all social media sites for potential explorers/vandals. A few have reached out though and I give them credit for asking for permission to go on site but under strict supervision. They have also been very helpful in assisting with potential breaches.

### **Maintenance**

Fences have been strengthened and we have found places where intruders have been getting onto site. We have been making weekly checks and acted swiftly to block any access points. Places that have been blocked off have included the Winstanley and the Hesketh (this needs looking at more).

### **Urban Explorers**

These will also be an issue unfortunately. Several have been posting videos on Facebook, Youtube and Instagram. It is hard to know when they have been on site because they tend to post pictures and videos weeks after. 'Urban explorers' have attended our tours and we are looking into their membership.

A number of videos have been posted on various social media sites. Thankfully one where they showed us how to get in various buildings.

### **Graffiti**

A new issue where several 'artists' have started to vandalise various points of the site.



## Membership Report

Current membership number is 351.  
AC Standing down as Membership Secretary.  
NB: Thanks you to Adrian for all the hard work he has put it.

## Treasurer's Report

IN: overview of the accounts that will be presented to the charity commission.  
IN: Membership and donations are up on last year. HOD membership and donations are slightly down however it has been recuperated in other areas. Two generous camera clubs have been to visit. A talk at the WI by NB and GU generated some funds.  
IN: income is about £500 up on last year. Outgoings have increased due to the roof in 29B (Grant - £16,500 spent from £20,000 grant). PPE expenditure has decreased. Stationary costs have increased. Going through a lot of printer ink.  
IN: End of year figure for general funds for the CIO- £14,195.94. Overall funds are £24,727.30.  
Grant for digitisation £160 left and spent £9350. Grant 2 for building improvements was £17520 and have £4500 left. Ideas are welcome for improvements in 29B.  
Memorial fund - £255.46 left  
Lidice - £191.45 left  
Police shutter grant has been used.  
Post Code lottery grant which was used for the roof has £3500 left. Possible shutters for the back of the building.  
Ali was successful in gaining an Arnold Clark. Grant for £750. Used for new banners and displays. £100 left.  
Lottery Community grant thanks to Mark and Nigel. £750 for pavers, £1000 for the gates and £200 towards the Lidice trellis.  
Subscriptions - had to apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (£40 to protect us) due to a security breach asking myself for money.  
Thanks to Mike for his help.  
No business rates have had to be paid.  
NB: thank you for everything.  
IN: Everything we have wanted to improve has come from grants and not our main funds.  
AL: more school parties are coming on site could we be all CRB checked? A second layer of protection and looks more professional.  
NB: more hats for children?  
JW: Apedale charge £110 for 24 children and adults per visit.  
NB: could we sponsor the Chatterley Vice football team? Badge on their strip.  
DB: banner on their pitch?  
Phil C: digger for digging routes and stumps out by building 30.  
Paul C: could we provide drinks and food on HOD.  
IN: made £228 from food and drink sales at HOD.  
NB: Steph has said the Friends should have a H&S qualification supplied by the council.  
AL: problem with Grants is you have to own or lease the building.  
NB: if lease is for 12 months they won't give you a grant for that.



AJ: want a 25 year lease  
JD: we are all of a certain age. Any chance of some First aid?  
AL: to email paramedic friend who can put together a report for a defib.  
AJ: difficulty is that you have to maintain it.  
PS: £1500 a year for maintenance.

Election of posts	
Management committee	Phil Clews, Jack Dayson, Alan Beardmore, Lloyd Boardman, Geoff Brownsword, Paul Rushton, Adrian. Cartlidge, Richard Byrne, John Hutchinson, Alan Darby, Sharon Bowers, Martin Challinor, Tony Hall. NB to. Approach Tony Rushton.
Chair	Nigel Bowers was nominated by Issy Newsome. Seconded by Geoff Brownsword
Deputy Chair	Mark O'Grady was nominated by Nigel Bowers. Seconded by Ali Lias, John Hutchinson and Phil Clews.
Secretary	Daniel Bowers was nominated by Nigel Bowers. Seconded by Issy Newsome.
Treasurer	Issy Newsome was nominated by Jim Worgan. Seconded by Nigel Bowers
Membership	Daniel Bowers was nominated by Nigel Bowers. Seconded by Issy Newsome.
President	Jim Worgan was nominated by Nigel Bowers. Seconded by Daniel Bowers.
Trustees	Henry MacDonald, Ann James, Ali Lias, Graham Unwin

NB: over the next 12 months can the Management Committee be more proactive. Send a receipt when you get an email to show you are getting them. Look for grants.  
NB: as Trustees we don't run the charity, the Management Committee does and the Trustees oversees how they run.



AOB

NB: I am trying to organise some H&S training through to Steph. Did it 4 years ago and now needs to be more suitable for what we do on site.

NB: Site access - N/A

NB: waiting for Reaseheath regards tree management.

NB: land by 30 - watch this space. Licences for 29B and garden haven't been signed for 2 years.

NB: Asbestos reports say, 'no access - presume the same as last time it was last inspected' (2010)

NB: Quote "Great team and I can't thank you enough for all the effort you have put in. We won't be defeated and see what happens over the next 12 months. "