

# Colwyn Bay Heritage Group

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

January 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Colwyn Bay Library, Woodland Road West

**Present:** Arthur Creber (Chair), Peter Detheridge (Secretary), Eunice Roberts (Treasurer), Katherine Dutta, Maureen Evans, Cllr. Anthony Hodgkinson, Janet Johnson, Ann Porter, and Monty Slocombe.

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from: Cllr. Cheryl Carlisle, Cllr. Brian Cossey, Cllr. Phil Edwards, Cllr. Chris Hughes, David Jones MP., Cindy Lowe, David Masding, Cllr. Mary Doyle, Darren Millar AM., Mildred Nelson, and Ian Reid.

### 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on February 5<sup>th</sup> 2015

- (i) The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.
- (ii) Matters arising:  
There were no matters arising.

### 3. Chairman's report

The Chairman presented his report for the year and said that, after a year of preparation in 2014, the Group had launched a number of projects in 2015.

A third Heritage Walk project was completed, around Old Colwyn, and he circulated copies of the accompanying booklet to those present. Funding for this project was provided by the Rhyl Flats Offshore Windfarm Communities Fund and the Bay of Colwyn Town Council. He said that a guided walk would be organised for the Spring. He also drew attention to other heritage walks available through the Group, three produced by the Group itself, (Colwyn Bay Town Centre and Churches and Chapels and Old Colwyn), the Rhos on Sea Heritage Walk developed by Ian Reid and sponsored by Conwy CBC, and a QR tagged walk through Eirias Park initiated by Age Friendly Communities.

A grant from the Colwyn Bay THI had enabled the Group's website to be reconfigured to make it more compatible to all forms of digital devices and also the development of a timeline of historical events relating to the area. The time line is to be refined and eventually it is hoped that it will be possible to extract information by category and date. The THI grant had also funded the purchase of exhibition boards and work had commenced on preparing the text for the boards.

The year had also seen the production of the Group's first E-book capturing peoples' memories of Colwyn Bay's Victoria Pier. He said that the book was available through Amazon for a small charge. The Chairman also said that people's memories of Old Colwyn were due to be collected in the near future and there would be exploration into the possibility of an e-book of school day memories.

The Chairman said that the Group was entirely dependent on the time and effort of volunteers

and the generosity of those who financially support it. He particularly thanked all those involved in the projects that had been undertaken during the year.

#### **4. Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer reported that there had been an expenditure of £3523.74 during the year, the main item of which was £2,500 for the web site upgrade and the timeline. Income had largely comprised a £1,704 grant from the Bay of Colwyn Town Council together with a £1,770 grant from the Rhyl Flats Windfarm Communities Fund, both of which were to fund the Old Colwyn walk project. There being no uncleared cheques, the current balance is £3,962.19.

#### **5. Elections**

The Chairman indicated that the present members of the Committee were prepared to continue in 2015. There were no other nominations.

It was **resolved** that members of the 2015 Committee be re-elected, namely Arthur Creber, Peter Detheridge, Katherine Dutta, Janet Johnson, Cindy Lowe, David Masding, Ian Reid and Eunice Roberts.

Monty Slocombe said that he would be pleased to assist the Group should his help be needed.

#### **6. Future work programme**

The Secretary said that the forward work programme was likely to comprise:

- Completion of the publicity leaflet.
- Completion of the production of the exhibition material.
- Old Colwyn memories interviews.
- Possible production of further e-book - Old Colwyn memories or school reminiscences.
- Development of the timeline.
- Undertaking work about the area's open spaces.

He said that, at least at present, there were no plans to produce a further heritage walk.

#### **7. E-book of memories of Victoria Pier and the Old Colwyn Heritage walk**

Eunice Roberts spoke about the production of the e-book and also the redesign of the Group's web site. In particular she demonstrated the parts of the web site containing the heritage walks and the timeline. Reference was made to the issue of translating new web content into Welsh and the suggestion was made that perhaps volunteers could be found to undertake this task rather than the Group having to find funding pay for such translations.

Peter Detheridge then described the processes and work behind the production of the Old Colwyn Heritage walk and some of the difficulties that had been encountered.

#### **8. Any Other Business**

##### **THI "Our memories" events.**

Katie Dutta informed the meeting that the THI was holding two further "Our memories" events on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup> to which all present were welcome.

In closing the meeting the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance.