

Berkswell & District History Group

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held Wednesday 24th January 2024 in the Village Hall, Balsall Common

Present: Peter Blundell, Innes Brett, David Deanshaw, Alan & Marjie Douglas, Helen Essex, Dave Felthouse, Stephen Gill, Pamela Griffiths, Angela Handfield, Christine Hornsby, Marion Keeley, Diane Lavis, Louise Playdon, Glyn & Barbara Price, Graham & Edna Quinton-Tulloch, Peggy & David Sargent, Bob & June Smitten, Sandra Tandy, Jackie Tomnie, Barrie & Janet Veasey, Peter Whalley

- 1. Apologies:** Dawn Blundell. Jean & Terry Wood
- 2. Minutes of AGM 25 January 2023:** approved. No matters arising.
- 3. Chair's report**

Copy attached. Marion expressed her thanks for the work of the Trustees and reiterated that new volunteers to act as Trustees for the group would be welcome.

4. Treasurer's Report

Copy attached. Jackie Tomnie spoke to her report which identified a loss of £159 in 2023.

Jackie gave notice of her intention to stand down from the role of Treasurer by the next AGM at the latest.

The accounts and financial report were proposed for approval by Glyn Price, seconded by June Smitten. Approved.

5. Membership report

Peter Whalley reported 33 members in 2023 and average attendance at meetings of 22.

6. Election of Trustees

All current Trustees (Marion Keeley, Stephen Gill, Jackie Tomnie, Dave Felthouse, Helen Essex, Peggy Sargent and Peter Whalley) consented to stand as Trustees for 2024. No further nominees were forthcoming. The meeting therefore approved the re-appointment of the above named as Trustees for 2024.

7. Fees and Programme for 2024

Fees – meeting approved a standstill fee of £20 for the year for members and £5 fee for visitors to meetings.

Speaker meetings – Helen outlined the programme previously circulated and requested volunteers to assist with the practical aspect of setting up and holding the meeting.

8. Any Other Business

Glyn Price proposed a vote of thanks to the Trustees for their work over the past year.

Approved at 2025 Annual General Meeting

(signed)

Chair

Date:

BERKSWELL & DISTRICT HISTORY GROUP AGM 25.01.24 – CHAIR’S REPORT

We are very lucky that our History Group continues to function at a time when others are closing. Your trustees meet between three and four times a year, and we are grateful for ALL their contributions to keep us going.

Our Secretary Stephen Gill not only takes the minutes but will be sharing his presentation on Balsall Common’s history after this AGM, a talk which developed out of the ‘Balsall Common Heritage Trail’ that came to fruition almost two years ago.

His presentation is illustrated with old photographs & maps thanks to the assistance of Dave Felthouse, who continues to do all things ‘electronic’ for our group. Our Archive at the Cemex Room in Berkswell remains the domain of Peter Whalley, who also maintains our membership register.

We learned yesterday evening that our Treasurer Jackie Tomnie intends to step down at next year’s AGM, which gives us 12 months to find a replacement. Jackie has served us loyally, in addition to other local organisations.

Who recalls the beautifully laid out hall which greeted us for our Christmas meeting? Peggy Sargent excelled again and continues to provide refreshments for all our meetings. Programme Secretary Helen Essex has arranged another splendid list of speakers for 2024, just as she did in 2023. Helen was also responsible for arranging last summer’s excellent visit to The Weaver’s House in Coventry.

And what of our members? Average attendance at our meetings has been a little better than in 2022 - we do rely on you to come and support the speakers Helen has arranged. Please encourage any interested family, friends, neighbours to come along – visitors as well as new members are always welcome! Finally, I made a plea at last year’s AGM for members to consider becoming a trustee of our history group. **All** the current trustees wear hats in other organisations, and we would welcome your help here.

PLEASE do not let Berkswell & District History Group and its valuable archive become consigned to history!

Marion Keeley

Chair of Berkswell & District History Group

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Income & Expenditure for year ended 31st. December 2023.

	<u>31.12.23</u>	<u>31.12.23</u>	<u>31.12.22</u>	<u>31.12.22</u>
<u>Income:</u>				
Annual Subs	640			60
Visitor Fees	115			40
Book Sales	43			54
Outing Ticket Sales	0			127
Interest Income	37	835		3
				<u>284</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>				
Speakers' Fees	463		378	
Room Hire	278		196	
Refreshments	39		28	
Insurance	0		75	
Computer	75		300	
Subscriptions	12		12	
Bank Charges	75		69	
Outing Donation	52	<u>994</u>	127	<u>1185</u>
<u>Net (Loss)/Profit</u>		<u>-159</u>		<u>-901</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31st. December 2023.

Assets

Cash & Bank Accounts

HSBC Community Current Account	594	801
HSBC Community Savings Account	2360	2323

Gross Assets 2954 3124

Liabilities & Equity

Cemex Archive Room Fund 856 856

Sundry Creditors:

Accruals 250 261

Total Liabilities 1106 1117

Net Assets 1848 2007

Equity b/f 1.1.2023 2007 2908

Current year Loss -159 -901

Equity c/f 31.12.2023 1848 2007

The above accounts were approved by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs. M. Keeley - Chair of Trustees

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Review of Income

In 2023 our subscriptions were £640 - 32 members @ £20 pp
The Subscriptions figure has been verified to the attendance sheets

Visitor fees were 23 visitors @ £5 each = £115
Increased visitor fees this year due to Marion's efforts reaching out to those History Groups which have closed.

Expenses

Room Hire is £250 VH accrual and £27.75 paid to Methodist Church

Insurance

I did not get the Bank Statement until 5th. January and there was no DD to BALH for Insurance. I contacted BALH who sent me an invoice for £90, with a request for a cheque.

The invoice noted that the payment covered insurance for 2024. Therefore I have left insurance costs as zero and the 2023 insurance was included in the 2022 accounts.

Miscellaneous

Weavers House a donation of £45 plus £7 paid to Stephen for sundry expenses he incurred.

Budget figures

DF has notified me that the computer cost for the next two years will be c£430 so I will allocate half of this to 2024 accounts, and the other half will go in the 2025 accounts. If I write the whole lot off in 2024 then the loss for 2024 will increase to £607.

Trips out

Where we give a donation to a venue that hosts the Society for an afternoon, I think we should make a modest charge to all those who attend say £3/£5 per person. Hopefully this would cover the donation with any extra money going against other expenses.