

MERSEYSIDIE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 42nd Annual General meeting held at 7.30pm Thursday 18th April 2018 at The Quaker Meeting House, School Lane, Liverpool

1. Attendance and Apologies

22 members present: Chair: Mark Adams, Treasurer: Dave Roberts

M. Cragg, N. King, David Scott, Chris Wood, Sue Stallibrass, Dennis Eccles, Vanessa Oakden, Roy Forshaw, Ben Croxford, Carole Brooksbank, Martin Doughty, Maurice Handley, Bob Parry, Jenny Woodcock, Geoff Woodcock, Ruth Fleming, Diana Goodier, Nancy Jenkins, M. Munro, Warren Kern, John Kern, Lorna Cannell,

Apologies: Rob Philpott, Samantha Rowe, Liz Stewart

2. Minutes of the 41st AGM held on the 27th April 2017

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Diana Goodier and seconded by Jenny Woodward.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

Item 6, Discussion of New Constitution: Mark Adams explained that the society had agreed to appoint a President and that Professor Keith Dobney of the University of Liverpool had kindly agreed to take on that role.

4. Honorary Chair's Report

(Summary - Mark Adams 2018 report available on the MAS website)

Membership stood just over 80 including 3 honorary members and 6 Institution members.

Activities included summer field trips to Castlefields, Neston, Pen y Cloddiau and Llaneldan. Indoor talks were held monthly from September to April including the member's evening in December 2017 and the AGM in April 2018.

Council continued to receive reports from Merseyside Historic Environment Record, the Museum of Liverpool and the University of Liverpool. MHER now fully digitised.

Museum of Liverpool had displays on Pembroke Place, Terracotta Warriors

Mark had left the Museum and Vanessa Oakden had taken the role of Community Archaeologists with Ben Jones covering PAS.

Projects included Childwall grave survey and Stanley Bank forthcoming.

Media: The website, Facebook and Twitter continue. The next Journal is in preparation and Dave Roberts produces an excellent Newsletter.

Barry Faulkner - long standing member and active Council member sadly passed away in November 2017.

Finally Mark thanked members of the Council and his wife for their help and co-operation during the year.

5. Honorary Treasurer's Report

(Main points – 2018 report, accounts and balance sheet are available on the website)

Dave Roberts expressed gratitude to Nancy Jenkins for auditing the accounts.

Income from publications had declined but financial position is healthy. The Calderstones book had been reprinted. There was a bank error due to a direct debit mistake by HSBC.

The bank account stood at £15593.32 with a deficit of £330.80 which was a reduction compared with 2016.

The treasurer's report was proposed for acceptance by Chris Wood, seconded by David Scott.

It was agreed that Nancy Jenkins audit next year's accounts; proposed Sue Stallibrass, seconded Diana Goodier.

6. Election of Officers and Council Members

The following were proposed by Council and elected by a show of hands *nem com*:

Hon. Chair: Maurice Handley

Past Chair: Mark Adams

Hon Secretary: Liz Stewart

Hon. Treasurer and Newsletter Editor: Dave Roberts

Membership Secretary: Chris Wood

Ordinary Council Members: Ben Croxford, Roy Forshaw, Diana Goodier, Vanessa Oakden, Rob Philpott, Samantha Rowe, David Scott, Sue Stallibrass

Mark Adams will take the role of events organiser and he appealed for volunteers to form a sub-committee.

7. Any Other Business

Sue Stallibrass informed the meeting that the Council for British Archaeology were holding a one day conference for the North West Regional Research Framework in Salford on 28th April 2018.

The AGM closed at 19.50 and was followed by a well illustrated talk given by President Keith Dobney ' Can Archaeological Science Save the World?'