

MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD AT THE ATHENAEUM 20th February 2007

Present

Andrew Pearce (Chairman) Rob Ainsworth Kevin Bargen Mike Brian Mike Corfe Joe Crossley Jo McCann Brenda Murray Graham Boxer

1 Apologies

- o Eileen Willhaw

2 Minutes of Last Meeting

- o These were accepted by those present

3 Matters Arising

- o MC felt that the LHF should not be arranging lectures/talks. He found the Forum a useful networking organisation where members could benefit from each others activities.
- o AP pointed out that members had been offered facilities at the Town Hall and a short series of lectures/talks would enable the public to find out about society activities.

4 Monthly Lectures/Talks

- o Following on from the previous minute it was agreed that 3 lectures be held at the Town Hall on Thursdays , 21st June, 19th July and 18th Oct. AP will check availability and times. These lectures would be to larger audiences, last about 1 hour. The 3 themes could be as follows

1 Victorian Society to present a talk on "Buildings" - Graham Fisher

2 Liverpool History Society to present a talk on Liverpool in period just prior to Victorian era

3 This talk would be open to offers. RA was issuing Newsletter later today 20th Feb and would invite societies to take up the offer and make use of Town Hall facility.

5 Reports from Societies

- o JC issued details and information on the forthcoming Liverpool Geological Society lectures.
- o MB issued copies of the Liverpool History Society information programme of talks for 2007

6 Information Displays and Promotion

- o MC and RA to investigate the publicity the LHF should display at the 08 Place, a list of Societies and contact details would be a start

7 Newsletter

- o The Newsletter was seen to be a success, items for inclusion to be sent to AP.

8 LHF Website

- o The website was now receiving many thousands of hits per month. A link existed to

- Liverpool
- o Culture Company site and from that site back to the LHF site.

9 Other projects and Events

- o KB pointed out that the British Titanic Society was holding its 2008 Annual Convention (April)
- o again in Liverpool this time at the Liner Hotel. He would see if the LHF could have some input.
- o It was noted that a feature on the "Seven Streets" had appeared in the Daily Post.

10 Plenary Meeting

- o A Plenary Meeting is taking place this coming Thursday 22nd Feb at 5.30pm. A further Meeting has been arranged for Thursday 10th May 2007 - time 5.30pm again at the Athenaeum.
- o Topic could include other cultures around the City

11 Any Other Business

- o AP is to produce an Annual Report on the achievement to date of the LHF. GB praised the LHF for the vital work the LHF Societies were doing. Members were asked to nominate buildings, sites etc of special interest which should be considered for listing/protection.
- o AP read out a draft he had prepared in conjunction with Florence Gersten, this would be submitted to the City Council, copy to Merseyside Civic Society

12 Date of Next Meeting

- o Tuesday 20th March 2007 at the Athenaeum 2.00pm

Kevin Bargaen

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