

FRIENDS OF STROUD DISTRICT (COWLE) MUSEUM

Minutes of the 1st AGM held at 11.15am on Saturday 8th November 2014
Gallery 2, The Museum in the Park.

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from: Judith Large, Marta Cock, Dr Lamb, Penny White, Alan Ford, Sue Houseago, Sallie Gleed, Andrew & Hazel Crook, Daphne Cronin, Abigail Large and Ann Taylor.

2. Report of Trustees – Fred Ward, Chair

- 1st year as Charitable Incorporated Organisation
- Learning Centre completion imminent
- Over £30k raised for Garden Project
- Interesting and well attended programme
- Jackdaw revamped
- Membership increased
- Effective and productive team work
- Overall – a very successful year

The minutes were approved and signed.

3. Annual Accounts 2013 / 2014 Fred Ward and Margaret Lister, Treasurer

- Start of year - challenging financial targets.
- Effective team work with museum staff, volunteers and trustees resulted in considerable progress.
- More money is needed to complete Garden Project.
- Grant applications are continuing to be made.
- Financial Statement is available on the Museum Website (www.museuminthepark.org.uk).

The Annual Accounts were passed nem. con.

4. Election of Trustees

- Margaret Lister
- Alison Long
- Kirsten Mugford
- Delia Perry
- Juliet Shipman
- Nichola Snobel
- Margaret Ratcliffe
- Fred Ward

The Trustees were approved nem. con.

Fred highlighted that there were 4 Trustee vacancies and asked for anyone interested to speak to one of the Trustees to find out more about the role.

5. Progress on the Garden Project – A presentation by Kevin Ward, Museum Development Manager

Kevin gave an update on progress on the Museum's Five Year Forward Plan, focussing on activities since the last AGM. This included a wide range of very successful exhibitions and events which included amongst others, three centenaries, the birth of Lynn Chadwick and Laurie Lee and the start of the First World War. Kevin re-iterated that a lot of what the Museum does is with other individuals and organisations and the results are due to this collaborative approach. Other achievements have included the launch of the new Museum website and leaflet.

Kevin then updated the Friends on progress on the Walled Garden Project, acknowledging the joint effort of the Museum Officers and Friends. The Pavilion is up and is currently being internally decorated; volunteers continue to maintain the south-west area and fundraising continues to enable the Entrance Way works to go ahead, hopefully this will be in the summer of 2015.

6. Any Other Business

No resolutions were received.

Close of Meeting 12.10pm