

Wrexham Heritage Forum

Minutes of the Meeting, held at All Saints' Church, Gresford

7pm on Thursday 7 February 2008

1. Welcome

Nick Roe welcomed members to the meeting and thanked everyone who had organised the hospitality for the evening.

2. Business Meeting

i. Apologies had been received from:

Paul Whitham
Roy Griffiths

- ii. Nick Roe gave an update on recent developments and stressed that one of the key aims for the establishment of the Forum had been to bring together smaller organisations which could benefit from joint working. Membership of the Forum, both on an individual and organisational basis was growing but he urged those groups that had not yet joined to do so.

The next event that the Forum has organised is a tour of the former Brymbo Steelworks site, with a chance to look at the site in daylight including the geology of the coal beds. The event will be held at 2.45 for 3.00pm on Sunday 9th March, and has been arranged in conjunction with Wrexham Science Festival. Numbers are limited so early booking is recommended.

- iii. Patrick Reeson gave an update on the grants that the Forum had secured to date:

£4,860 from 'Awards for All, Wales'
£250 from the Welsh Church Acts Fund, administered by Wrexham County Borough Council
£70 from AVOW small grants fund

The funding will be used to purchase various computer and presentation equipment and display panels for Forum members to use. A 'History Resource Centre' is being set up in Wrexham County Borough Museum, and will be available to members from April.

3. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

4. Date of the Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held at 6.45 for 7pm on Thursday 24th April at Wrexham County Borough Museum. The Guest Speaker will be Stephen Barlow from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

5. Guest Speaker
The formal business meeting was then followed by a presentation from Sue Kelly, who outlined the development of the Wrexham Open Church Network, and the benefits partnership working had brought to small rural churches and the local communities in which they play an important role.

6. The meeting closed with Patrick Reeson thanking Sue Kelly for her very professional presentation, as well as the people who had organised the visit and the warmth of the hospitality that had made the members feel so welcome.