

Blacon History Group – [BHG]

Parade Enterprise Centre Conference room 2.30pm March 2019

Minutes Of Meeting

1. Details of old history group

- First BHG formed in 1989 to 1990 & second in 2002 to 2005
- Website redevelopment ongoing
- Bank Balances – Current Treasurer Dave Cartwright reported Current A/c £55.09 & Reserve Deposit A/c £900.56 @ NatWest Bank retained since 2005 but re-formed BHG bank accounts need a second signatory.

2. Blacon Book free copies for schools

- First book sold out but no longer available –discussion followed about Copy right
- Second book had a run of 2000 - roughly 800 boxed up. Initially £6 but now costing £2
- Looking to engage with schools.
- David Cartwright Suggested 30 free copies of “Blacon Within Living Memory” to go to all Blacon Schools.
- Motion put to group members motion passed.
- Books will be delivered to Education village meeting on 23rd April 2019.

3. Committee

- Suggestions were made to elect a committee. Alan Smith volunteered to Chair, and David Cartwright volunteered to act as Treasurer and Matt Thomas would take to role of Secretary until end of May 2019.
- All positions seconded by group members. It was also agreed that this could be a temporary measure if new members wished to apply for these positions.

4. Chair - Alan Smith

5. Secretary - Matt Thomas

6. Treasurer – David Cartwright

- Dave said in future if a new member would like to take on this role, he would like act as mentor providing training on how to produce accounts if needed.
- BHG attendees agreed that Alan Smith will become second signatory

7. Ideas Moving Forward

- Research Roman and Civil war History and Bacon/ Saughall boundaries.
- Dave Cartwright has heard University students may be able to access £500 funding for students to support group. Matt to investigate

8. Video

- Group and Students from Blacon's schools to possibly produce several short videos using editing software, providing students with video editing skills.
- History Group looking to purchase Video Camera, Voice recorder lights with a low budget, Alan Smith to look at quotes. Alan already has computer and software to do support this .Here and Now Chester will be supporting this and help also with resources from University of Chester Matt on University internship.
- Blacon High School very interested in students getting involved in local History projects with community.
- Historical videos of roughly 2 minutes in length to be posted onto a YouTube channel.
- Oral history from local people discussing their family history.
- Archive footage – may be available from previous BHG project with 2004 West Cheshire College .Alan Smith to investigate.
- Previous Blacon videos are still on YouTube. Alan Smith to set up a new You tube channel for History video's, festival video and others will be added to site.

9. Email

- Blacon History Groups email blaconhistory@gmail.com

10 School Meeting 23rd April

- Alan and David to attend and represent BHG @ Blacon Education Village at 8.30am

11. Newsletter online and hard copy Blacon Festival theme 60's and 70's

- Produce online newsletter
- Decide on which period to start from –possibly quarterly

12. Website

- Website <http://www.blaconhistorygroup.org/>
- Website now back running again in WordPress. David has paid for hosting circa £41.00 for 2 years which will need to be reimbursed

13. Advertising the Group

- Avenue Services Magazine - include information on the new group starting up - possible press release
- Blacon High School - Termly school newsletter could also include information about how students are interacting with the group - tie in with Cadets who are researching military history in Blacon
- Blacon Festival (first Saturday in July) has 60's and 70's theme - try and source old images from the community

14. <http://www.blaconhistorygoup.org/>

Website address confirmed.

15. Future Meetings

- Meetings will be monthly
- Have a clear plan for every month
- Last Thursday of every month - next meeting **25th April 2.00pm (Alan to arrive later)**.

16. Archaeological Dig

- Possible dig in Blacon - try and source volunteers initially for Dee Point School field gig, the site of an old Roman fort @ Blacon Point.
- Norman Stainthorp did presentation on History of Blacon.
- Meeting finished at 4.30pm.

17. Attendees & Member List

- Alan Smith - digitalbuddieshereandnow@gmail.com
- Feona Prime - feonasmith@icloud.com
- Sheila Little - mssheilarainbow@yahoo.com
- Gerald Watts
- June Parry
- Brenda Harper
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- Chris Leicester - chris.leicester@sanctuary-housing.co.uk
- Matt Thomas - mattjcthomas@gmail.com

18. Date & Venue of Next Meeting

- **Thursday 25th April 2019 2.00pm @ Parade Enterprise Centre in the Conference Room**