

OSWESTRY and DISTRICT ARTS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 16th June 2011

Walford Davies Suite Guildhall

Present:

Christine Hughes,	Chairman and individual member
Richard Jones,	Treasurer and individual member
Edna Scott,	Vice Chairman and Oswestry Civic Society
Councillor Martin Bennett,	Executive Committee Shropshire Council
Cynthia Hawksley,	Executive Committee and individual member
Councillor Betty Gull	Executive Committee Oswestry Town Council
Hazel Davis	Executive Committee Oswestry Choral Society
Alison Stockdale,	Oswestry Musical Theatre Company
Kath Mellor	Oswestry Musical Theatre Company
Mervyn Hughes	Attfield Theatre Company
Allison Heward	Attfield Theatre Company
Malcolm Congreve	Attfield Theatre Company
Tim Baker	Attfield Theatre Company
Chris Smith	Attfield Theatre Company
Wayne Young	Attfield Theatre Company
Roger Williams	Attfield Theatre Company
Christine Brown	Oswestry and District Society of Artists
Irene Thomas	Handbells U3A
Debbie Glenn	'OD' Oswestry Drama Project
Pam Parish	Cantiones and Oswestry Festival of the Word
Councillor Steve Charmley	Oswestry Games
Susie Hancock	Oswestry and District Sports Council
Laurel Roberts	Oswestry Community Action, Qube
Phil Box	Individual member
Val McGrath	L.A.D.S
Chris Symons	Oswestry School Recital Series
Aden Walker	Porthywaen Silver Band
Mary Hillary	Border Embroiderers
John Waine	Oswestry Festival of the Word/ Best of Oswestry
Amy Healey	Bursary Winner Rhyn Park School
Trudi Healey	Rhyn Park School

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Chloe Roberts	Bursary Winner Rhyn park School
C. Chaplin	Rhyn Park School
B. Roberts	Rhyn Park School
Sue Turner	Representing Bursary Winner Dario Silcock
Millie Boulton	Bursary Winner St. Oswald's Parish Church Choir
Rob Boulton	St. Oswald's Parish Church Choir

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

Bursary awards

The bursary awards were presented by the Mayor, Councillor Cynthia Hawksley to:

Dario Silcock,	a very talented singer, was awarded his bursary for professional singing lessons,
Abbi Grainger	to attend the Royal School of Church Music in Bath,
Millie Boulton	to attend the Royal School of Church Music in Bath
Amy Healey	to set up an Arts and social group in her school, Rhyn Park School
Chloe Roberts	towards the purchase a new camera to pursue a photography course.

Presentation of Cheque

A replica cheque for £4,416.00 was presented to the Association by Councillor Martin Bennett and Councillor Walpole from three of our LJs,

Presentations

The Chairman introduced Councillor Steve Charmley and Susie Hancock of Oswestry Sports Council who outlined plans for the Oswestry Games which will be held from July 6th – 15th 2012 as part of the London Olympic Games. Many sporting activities had already been decided and many more in the pipeline. There would be an opening ceremony and closing ceremony. They expressed a wish that the Arts in Oswestry be involved in the project.

The Chairman announced that the Royal Shakespeare Company were fronting the Cultural Olympics, Open Stages and that no less than three organisations from Oswestry had been accepted – the Oswestry Drama Project, L.A.D.S and the Attfield Theatre Company.

Val McGrath of L.A.D.S. reported that their resident playwright Neil Rhodes has embarked on writing a play especially for the Open Stages and Allison Heward of Attfield reported that many ideas were being considered at the moment.

The Chairman then introduced Debbie Glenn and Hazel Davis of the Oswestry Drama Project who outlined their plans for a community project based on 'The Tempest'. This was a very exciting project which will take place during the Oswestry Games and will take place at the Venue. The project will kick off with a day at the Venue on Sunday July 24th from 10am – 4pm. To reserve a place contact Debbie on 653413.

The Chairman said that the coming together of so many organisations in Sport and the Arts would create a very exciting week for Oswestry and that the Association would be fully involved. She asked members of the Association to 'watch this space', and to take part fully in the events to make it a week to remember.

The business meeting then began.

1. Apologies

Maureen Powell	Oswestry Embroiderers Guild
Marion Braddock	
Lindy Parkinson	Qube

2. Minutes of AGM 17th June 2010

Councillor Bennett proposed that they be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Edna Scott and agreed by the meeting.

3. Matters arising

None were raised.

4. Chairman's report

Is attached

5. Treasurer's report

Richard Jones presented the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2011. Councillor Gull proposed that the accounts should be accepted. This was seconded by Edna Scott and agreed by the meeting. Richard then pointed out that we had reached the last page of the accounts book which had been started in 1974. He plans to copy relevant historical information from the old book and also purchase a new book.

6. Election of officers

6.1 Chairman

Vice Chairman Edna Scott asked for nominations. Cynthia Hawksley proposed that Christine Hughes be re-elected. This was seconded by Edna Scott and agreed by the meeting. Councillor Cynthia Hawksley proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for her hard work.

6.2 Vice Chairman

The Chairman asked for nominations. Councillor Gull proposed that Edna Scott be re-elected. This was seconded by Alison Stockdale and agreed by the meeting.

7. Appointment of Treasurer and Secretary

7.1 The Chairman invited nominations for Treasurer. Edna Scott proposed that Richard Jones be re-appointed as Treasurer. This was seconded by Martin Bennett and agreed by the meeting.

7.2 Since the resignation of the secretary at last year's AGM, the Chairman had been carrying out both her duties and those of the secretary. She asked for anyone to come forward as a matter of urgency following the increase in funding. As no one came forward at the meeting, she asked that those present went back to their organisations to ask for a volunteer.

8. Election of individual members

These are currently: Richard Jones, Phil Box, Rosslyn Jones, John Waine** and Christine Hughes. Cynthia Hawksley is now the representative of Oswestry Town council. The Chairman asked for any other nominations. Councillor Bennett proposed that they be elected en bloc. This was seconded by Councillor Gull and agreed by the meeting. ** John Waine's name was omitted from the list on the Agenda. The Chairman apologises for this error. John was elected as Individual Member at the 2010 A.G.M.

9. Election of the Executive Committee

This consists of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and five members. There should be at least one local government appointed representative, one representative from a member organisation and one individual member. Current members are Christine Hughes, Cynthia Hawksley, Richard Jones, Edna Scott, Councillor Betty Gull, Councillor Martin Bennett and Hazel Davies. Phil Box proposed that they be re-elected on bloc and this was agreed by the meeting.

10. Any other business

(i) Mrs Edna Scott felt that as in the past the secretary was awarded an Honorarium that the same should be offered to the Chairman who had been carrying out these duties. The Chairman thanked Mrs Scott but declined the offer.

(ii) **Secretary** Organisations were reminded of the vacancy of secretary. ODAA is unique and can continue to function but will need refreshment for long term function. Phil Box proposed and the meeting agreed that the secretary could be co-opted to the Executive without it having to go the Association.

(iii) Councillor Bennett urged anyone who lived in the Five Perry LJC to lobby their Councillor to join the other LJs in giving their Arts Budget to the ODAA. ***This would mean that the funding would be more straightforward. In future there would be a partnership between the Executive, LJC and Association.

The LJs have put a lot a trust in the ODAA and we must attract applications from a wider spectrum and also record not only how the money is spent but what it achieves. To this end we will asking successful applicants to report back to us of their outcomes.

(iv)Councillor Bennett also emphasised how important it is that we have the right communications. To this end:

Please remember to notify Phil Box of any events to go on the website. He can be contacted on 657996 or philbox@btconnect.com

Pam parish also offered to put information on her website contact pam.parish@talktalk.net or 655358.

(v)John Wayne highlighted the free magazine ‘Oswestry Live’ which goes into cafes, shops and so on within a 10 mile radius of Oswestry. Copy for the September issue should be with him by the end of July. He can be contacted on oswestry@thebestof.co.uk

The chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting ended at 8.50pm.

Christine Hughes
Chairman

*** N.B. The next meeting of the Five Perries LJC is on July 7th at 7pm at Hordley and Bagley Village Hall.

Councillors are Chairman Aggie Caesar – Homden
Whittington Steve Charmley and Greg Hickman
West Felton David Curtis

What's On

Handbell Ringers U3A will be performing at Cheshire Homes, Dolywern on July 12th.

Attfield Theatre will be performing Bouncers and Shakers at Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury from July 13th – 16th inclusive. Tickets available from Theatre Severn.