

COASTLANDS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP (CIO)
Dale, Marloes, St Brides, St Ishmaels

ANNUAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 21st MARCH 2020.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES:

To advance the education of the public in the history, heritage and culture of Dale, Marloes, St Brides and St Ishmael and the surrounding areas through research, compiling of records, publication of books and leaflets, arranging lectures, meetings, events, exhibitions and by the establishment of an archive containing information, artefacts and photographs and the provision and maintenance of a Heritage Centre; and by such other charitable means as the Trustees shall think fit..

Again during 2019 –20, activities have taken place in furtherance of these aims.

LECTURES AND TALKS:

There have been six talks on the following topics:- The History of Pembrokeshire cricket from Keith Johnson was followed by a talk on The Second World War – challenging perceptions from David Llewellyn. William Marshall-Earl of Pembroke's life was highlighted by Gareth Mills and we finished 2019 with an update on the CHERISH project with a talk on Coastal Archaeology from Patrick Robson. The talk by Fr Gildas on Romano Celtic Influences had to be cancelled due to bad weather. 2020 opened with a talk on Lighthouses from Malcolm Smith Gosling a former Lighthouse Keeper, and Simon Hancock gave us a insight into The Great Eastern. Unfortunately the coronavirus meant Jonathan Hughes from The National Trust and his talk on The National Trust in Pembrokeshire had to be postponed.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

In collaboration with The National Trust a leaflet setting out a self guided tour of Kete has been produced. The launch of the leaflet as part of the AGM had to be postponed due to the coronavirus event.

VISITS:

The proposed trip to Pembroke Castle had to be postponed.

THE OLD STABLES HERITAGE CENTRE;

The group continues to lease The Old Stables Heritage Centre from Dale Castle Estate. Two exhibitions were held during 2019 covering "Harrier years – Radar at Kete" and "Historic Houses and Gardens" 1238 visitors came through the doors during the season. Risk Assessments have been undertaken for "Fire" and "Health and Safety" by Mr Derek Lister the appointed Safety Officer for The Old Stables Heritage Centre. Mrs Margaret Copley continues to supervise adherence to the Group's Data Protection Procedures, which have been drawn up based on The National Archives Procedures to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, and have been updated to incorporate the new Data Privacy requirements of May 2018. Mrs Copley, the appointed Data Protection Officer, asks anyone who is lending or giving items to the group to fill in a Permissions Form.

All these documents are available for scrutiny in The Old Stables Heritage Centre.

It is hoped The Old Stables Heritage Centre will continue to be used by the community, especially those doing their own research. To help facilitate private research, The Heritage Centre has been open to all every Thursday morning.

The Old Stables Heritage Centre is now closed for the foreseeable future due to the Coronavirus.

CONTACT WITH OTHER GROUPS:

Invitations were received and passed on to members from The Sunderland Trust, Llangwm History Society, West Wales Maritime Heritage Society, Clarbeston Road History Group, The Havens History Group and The Welsh Historic Gardens Trust to some of their lectures while Pembroke History Society, Monkton History Society and The Havens History Group sent notification of their exhibitions.

The Group is liaising with Llangwm History Group, Hook History Group Pembroke History Society and Penally History Group to digitise the archives of the groups – The 5 Communities project is employing two people to assist with this using grant funding.

Members attended the PCNP/Dyfed Archaeology Trust Archaeology Day at Pembrokeshire College.

We are participants in The Community Forum in Dale.
We have liaised with other groups such as PLANED to showcase our area's history.
The Group is working with RCAHMMW on their new initiative CHERISH.

RESEARCH:

- The Group is now part of a new initiative The 5 Communities Project working to digitise archives and to produce a website to showcase the history of the region.
- A leaflet for St Brides to mirror those already completed for the other villages is nearing completion and it is hoped to launch the leaflet later this year.
- We collaborated with Walwyns Castle community on their 'God and Country' project for WW1
- We had input into the new Kete leaflet produced by The National Trust.
- We are working with PLANED as a part of their Innovative Heritage Project aiming to provide an in situ audio history of Marloes Clock Tower
- Work is ongoing into the vast task of cataloguing the archive material which in time it is hoped will be available digitally via the Group's website.
- Work continues on the Dyfed Archaeology Trust Local Sites Survey, in which members are asked to visit sites listed on the database to check if the information given is up to date and correct. We are also asked to notify Cambria Archaeology of any other sites we know of which are not listed on the database.
- We participate in the Arfordir project, run by Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and Dyfed Archaeology Trust, monitoring our area for sites which need preserving, or investigating before they completely disappear, and would urge members to become part of the scheme. This is now linked to the CHERISH project

WEBSITE:

We own our domain site. Kevin Rogers has updated and streamlined the website. The events page gives details of forthcoming meetings and activities. We continue to get queries through the site and thank members who have helped to answer these.
We now have a Face Book page.

INSURANCE:

We continue to use the British Association of Local History Societies' Insurance policy, covering the Coastlands Group for Public Liability and Equipment. We have increased the cover to include visitors to The Old Stables Heritage Centre. Members are reminded that they should cover themselves for Personal Accidents.

AIRCRAFT CARTOONS, DALE CAMP:

The group continues to rent the premises on Dale Camp containing the cartoons. The Group continue to take individuals and groups interested in the Cartoons on visits to The Hut.

COMMITTEE:

The Trustees have met in person ten times during the year, and have held two virtual meetings to plan the programme, take administrative decisions, co-ordinate research work and ensure that records are preserved.

COASTLANDS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP (CIO) Accounts 31 December 2019

Income

Bank Balance 1 January 2019	£4,065.95
Cash in Hand 1 January 2019	£0.00
Income from meetings	£348.90
Membership Subscriptions	£290.00
Donations (Heritage Centre)	£725.85
Heritage Centre Notelets Sale	£25.00
Book Sales	£110.00
Grants	£500.00
Rates Refund Heritage Centre	£1,893.60
HMRC Charities (Reclaim Charity Aid)	£499.46

Total Income £8,458.76

Balance £5,292.33

Bank Statement 30 December 2019 £5,304.93

Unpresented cheque, Marloes Village Hall £12.60

Independently examined by :- P.D. Ryle

Date :- 1/1/20

Expenditure

Hall Hire	£61.60
Website (Domain + Server)	£49.99
Building Rents + Leases	£110.00
BALH Membership (Insurance)	£75.00
SWALEC	£242.19
PAVS Membership	£35.00
Speaker Expenses	£165.00
Heritage Centre Insurance	£110.56
Fire and Safety & PAT Testing	£39.54
Rates Demand Heritage Centre	£1,893.60
St. Brides Leaflet Expenses	£100.00
Printer Inks	£19.99
Planned Archeaology Meeting	£20.00
Carpet Cleaning Heritage Centre	£70.00
Stamps	£6.96
Cleddau Press Photocopy	£102.00
Poster	£65.00

Total Expenditure £3,166.43