

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 14th MARCH 2018

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 2017 –18, activities have taken place in furtherance of these aims.

LECTURES AND TALKS:

There have been six talks on the following topics:- The history of "The Albion" by Chris Jessop, "The Irish Mail Packet" by Roger Antell. The Royal Commission for Ancient and Historic Monuments Wales in the form of Dr Toby Driver gave a talk on their new initiative in collaboration with other groups they are looking at Climate, Heritage, Environment of Islands, Reefs and Headlands. 2018 started with a talk by Mike Alexander, a previous Warden on Skomer, looking at "Skomer - people, place and history" followed by the rearranged talk by David James on Tudor Boatbuilding, the AGM completed the year with a talk by Andrew Shobbrock on the archaeology uncovered in Marloes during the building of the new Close.

VISITS:

Visits were made by members of the Group to The Llangwm Museum and The Llangwm Tapestry in Llangwm, West Hook Farm, Marloes and The Maritime Heritage Centre, Pembroke Dock.

THE OLD STABLES HERITAGE CENTRE;

The group continues to lease The Old Stables Heritage Centre from Dale Castle Estate. Two exhibitions were held during 2017 covering "The History of the area in 100 objects" and "History and Mystery".

1238 visitors came through the doors during the season. Organised visits were made by Goodwick and Brynberrian History Groups. The centre received visits from other history groups who came under their own initiative.

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 and comply with the Data Protection Act 1998. The Trustees will incorporate such changes as are necessary to comply with new Data Privacy requirements due to come into force in 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 is open to all every Thursday morning.

CONTACT WITH OTHER GROUPS:

Invitations were received from The Sunderland Trust, Llangwm History Society, Pembrokeshire Archives, Milford Museum, West Wales Maritime Heritage Society, PLANED Echoes of Pembrokeshire 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.

An invitation was received from Mr and Mrs John Dixon as they opened the refurbished RAF Ripperston buildings to the public.

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

We are active participants in PLANED Forums in Dale and St Ishmael.

Members have joined visits, tours and workshops organised by PLANED and PAVS.

Members have been involved with Adding Value to Tourism initiative run by PLANED.

The group is a part of PLANED's Echoes of Pembrokeshire Group.

We have liaised with other groups such as PLANED and Local History Fairs to showcase our area's history.

The Group is working with RCAHMW on their new initiative CHERISH.

We try to notify all members of these "extra" activities, by email, where we have an address and by mentioning the events at our meetings.

RESEARCH:

- A leaflet for St Brides to mirror those already completed for the other villages has been started. It is hoped to launch the leaflet later this year.
- 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.
- The Group is liaising with The National Library of Wales with a view to digitising some of the archive.
- 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.

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 is still investigating the possibility of creating a mobile display of the Barrack Room Cartoons. The Group continue to take interested parties on visits to The Hut.

COMMITTEE:

The Trustees have met nine times during the year to plan the programme, take administrative decisions, co-ordinate research work and ensure that records are preserved.

COASTLANDS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP (CIO) ACCOUNTS AGM

Accounts 31 December 2017

Income

Bank Balance 1 January 2017	£2,890.47
Cash in Hand 1 January 2017	£103.63
Income from meetings	£450.78
Membership Subs	£290.00
Donations (Heritage Centre)	£641.89
TOSCH Notelets Sale	£45.50
Book Sales	£19.50
Donation for recipe book	£430.50
HMRC Gift Aid Claim	£27.59

Expenditure

Hall hire	£34.20
Stationary, postage, inks, photocopying	£27.60
Website (Domain + Server)	£32.95
Building Rents + Leases	£110.00
BALH Membership (Insurance)	£75.00
SWALEC	£216.00
PAVS Membership	£35.00
Speaker Expenses	£190.00
Heritage Centre Insurance	£123.97
TOSCH Dummy	£59.99
Fire and Safety & PAT Testing	£38.04
TOSCH Maintenance	£70.29
DVD	£15.50
Membership Subs Refund.	£10.00

Total Income £4,899.86

Total expenditure £1,038.54

Balance £3,861.32

Independently examined by:-

P.D. Lyke

Date

8/1/2018.