

MINUTES

THE

CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY

FOLK MUSEUM

17 Sept. 1937

24 Jan. 1941

C = Co-opted
E = Elected

CCC = Conf. Council Representative
BC = Bar. Council

Councillor A.W. Dibley
Rose Cottage
Trumpington Rd.

FOLK MUSEUM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

L. Burgess, ^{Leiswyn}, 44, Thornton Rd. Cambridge

Co-opted
Adm.

E. Saville Peck, M.A. Friarswood, Long Road, ~~Trumpington~~, Cambridge.

E L.C.G. Clarke, F.S.A., Leckhampton House, 37, Grange Road, Cambridge.

CCC ~~E.O. Fordham, J.P. Ringdale, Steeple Morden, Royston, Herts.~~

~~E Alderman J.S. Gonder, J.P. 324, Cherryhinton Road, Cambridge.~~

~~E Dr. W.M. Palmer, F.S.A. Richmonds, Linton, Cambs.~~

C ~~W.P. Baker, M.A. The Mill House, Shepreth, Royston, Herts.~~
White Gates Cambridge Road Harston.

C E.A.B. Barnard, F.S.A. 26, Warkworth Street, Cambridge.

C ~~H.C. Hughes, M.A. The Garner Cottages, Grantchester, Cambs.~~

~~Alderman~~ Mrs. ~~R.A.~~ Keynes, J.P. 6, Harvey Road, Cambridge.

BC L.F. Newman, M.A. St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

E Miss M. O'Reilly, M.A. Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Downing Street, Cambridge.
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Dr. F. Robinson, 8, St. Paul's Road, Cambridge.

E Dr. L. Cobbett, 7, Adams Road, Cambridge.

E Dr. Z.M. Scruby, 2, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge.

E ~~W.H. Swift, 34, Halifax Road, Cambridge.~~

C H.J. Fyjis-Walker, Cambridgeshire House, ^{7 Hills Road,} Cambridge.

C Miss C.E. Parsons, ^{House} Portway House, Little Abington, Cambs.

~~E J. Saltmarsh, M.A. King's College, Cambridge.~~

C Miss F. Chapman, 65 Lensfield Road, Cambridge.

E Mr. T.T. Patterson, ^{M.A.} Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Downing Street, Cambridge.

The Master of Magdalene
W. Brecken 57 Babon Rd
Mr Murray Regent Terrace
H. Robinson
Hooker Rd
Long Road
2 W Bapshame
Hill wood
Dagnall Nr Berkhamstead

The Assistant Curator, The Folk Museum, 2, Castle Street, Cambridge, also receives Council's Enquiries

C. Miss R. Hutchings, 6 Hill Side, Sawston

Sec. r.c.
D.S.R. Messer
Marshall Street, Denny Street

* Mr Barnard expressed the congratulations of the Council
to the Chairman on his designation for the majority for
the ensuing year.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 5.0 p.m. on Sept 17. 1937 at the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. Those were present:-

Mr E Sandlebeck (President, in the chair), Mr. Keyser, Dr Z. de Sauty, ~~Mr~~ Dr Palmer, Dr Cobblett, Messrs Barnard, Cairns & Saltmarsh, with the Hon Sec & Treasurer (Dr Robinson) & the Custodian. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Parsons (Hon Curator) & Messrs Baker, Hughes, Swift & Tubbelt.

*> The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A reading of the minutes the President & Hon Secretary reported:-

(a) That some contributions ^{would} be forthcoming from the University Summer School, the Museum having been included in the list of institutions recommended to be visited.

(b) That Mr Norman Dixon of the Pitt Rivers had promised to renew the old printing press from Mrs Jostes & Jagg's premises to the Museum.

(c) That Major Jiggis Walker had been invited to accept election as a member of the Committee & his reply was awaited.

(d) That the leakage from the roof had been remedied by the Town Council

(e) That a letter had been addressed to the Town Clerk asking (1) that the adjoining premises, No 3 Castle Street, might be transferred to the Museum, (2) that the lighting of the stable might be improved and (3) that two old carved oak beams found on the Guildhall site during demolition (possibly belonging to the old Guildhall of 1386) may be loaned to the Museum.

The Hon Curator (whose absence due to indisposition was regretted by the Committee) sent a written report (attached) which included the following points

1. Some 136 new objects had been received since the previous meeting

2. D. Scoby had rendered valuable service in connection with the card index

3. Since December, 910 children had visited the Museum in 41 groups, including 657 from the Borough Schools, 135 from the County School for Girls, 87 from the Perse Schools, & 31 students from the Suffolk Walden Training College. The report included

criticism of the conduct of the children, with suggestions for improved procedure. After discussion the following resolutions were carried:-

1. That the Cambridge Branch of the National Union of Teachers be invited to nominate one of their members whom the Exec. Com. could co-opt as a member. (Proposer, Ald. Corder, Secs. Dr. Barnard)

2. That the Officers, with Ald. Corder (Chairman of the Borough Education Com.) consider the points raised by the Curator, especially the limitation of numbers in visiting groups and of the number of towns visited. (Proposer Dr. Keynes, Secs. Dr. Palmer)

The acquisition of an old chest inscribed with the name of John Purchase was also reported. Dr. Cobble undertook to photograph a waffon

The Hon Treasurer presented the following financial statement

1. Details as to income during the current financial year.

Receipts since the previous meeting 18.6.37.

	£ . s . d
Life members	10 . 10 . 0
Ordinary members	36 . 15 . 0
Associate "	5 . 1 . 0
Donations	26 . 5 . 6
Museum Takings	8 . 0 . 11
	86 . 12 . 5

Receipts since Jan 1st

<u>Total</u>	£ . s . d	<u>New</u>	
Life members	21 . 10 . 0	21 . 10 . 0	2 (3)
Ordinary members	71 . 5 . 0	29 . 8 . 0	27
Associate "	15 . 10 . 0	8 . 15 . 0	26
Donations	29 . 0 . 0	29 . 0 . 0	
Museum Takings	19 . 1 . 10	19 . 1 . 10	
	156 . 6 . 10	£ 107 . 14 . 10	

Outstanding Subscriptions

Ordinary members (p)	6 . 6 . 0
Associate " (q)	3 . 1 . 0
	£ 9 . 7 . 0

Expenditure during 1937 to date amounted to
£ 190 of which £ 33.1.5 related to the previous
financial year, leaving a net expenditure for
eight months of approximately £ 157. On this
basis the total expenditure for the year was
likely to be about £ 235.

The warm thanks of the Committee were accorded to Dr
W. Keynes for his donations amounting to £ 15.

Various members of the Committee had proposed to
approach colleges personally, in view of the further
letters of appeal which was about to be issued to
9 colleges which had not yet given financial support

Dec 10th / 37

V. J. Leck

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 5.0 p.m. on Dec 10th 1937 at the Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology. Those were present:-

Mr E Saville Peck (President, in the Chair) Mr Keynes, Mr Dim Parsons, Mr J Kelly, Mr Scruby, Mr J Chapman, Mr Louis Clark, Mr Corder, Mr Palmer, Mr Barnard, Mr Cobble, Messrs C J Tibbitt, Swift, Sybil Walker, & Salvendy, Mr Robinson & the Custodian.

Apology for absence was received from Mr Baker.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed. A copy of the minutes the President & the Hon Secretary reported:-

(a) That Mayor Sybil-Walker had accepted copies of the minutes & had become an ordinary Annual Subscriber

(b) That the Cambridge Borough Traders Assⁿ had nominated Mr J Chapman as their representative & that the Assⁿ had become an ordinary member of the Folk Museum Association.

On being put to the meeting the motion of Mr Chapman was carried unanimously

(c) That D Cobbell had photographed a former wagon referred to him but was unable to recommend its acquisition.

(d) That a further appeal to the colleges had resulted as follows :-

Class, Peterhouse, Sidney Sussex - life memberships
Corpus Christi - Ordinary memberships with five
year subscription paid in advance

Pembroke Ordinary membership.

Christ's - no subscription, but exhibits
presented.

No response - Trinity Hall, Jesus, Selwyn.

Mr Barnard drew attention to farm waggon at
Isleham, & D Searby undertook to give the
waggon attention if opportunity should arise.

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The Hon Curator reported as to recent acquisitions,
& stated that there were now 1550 objects in the
Museum. D Searby had nearly finished the index.
The question of valuation for insurance purposes
was raised & it was agreed that Mr Catley be
approached. The President gave information about
the old Guildhall carved beams.

The offer of a ^{wooden} stone box by a Wellingham miller was reported and Major J. J. Walker undertook to look into the matter.

The Hon Treasurer made a statement on the financial position, of which the principal features were:-

Receipts since previous meeting	£ 52. 18. 4
" " " Jan ^{ry}	£ 209 8. 2
New money included in 1937 receipts	£ 158. 11. 6
Expenditure since previous meeting	£ 42. 11. 7

The Treasurer further reported that applications for Grants to the Pelgrim Trust & to the National Council for Social Service had been unproductive.

The Hon Sec. presented the recommendations of the Special Com. which had been considered the question of the attendance of Brough School Children at the Museum together with appreciative reports by the Teachers. It was resolved: ~~to recommend~~

1. That parties be limited to half a class, the

Teachers to be assisted by a volunteer with special knowledge of the museum contents.

2. The age to be eleven or upwards

3. Attention at each visit to be limited to a special subject

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4. Teachers to be strongly recommended to visit the museum beforehand or familiarise themselves with the exhibits.

5. Teachers to be informed that afternoon visits would be preferable from the point of view of the general management of the museum.

A suggested examination & prize were referred to the Teachers' representative (Miss Chapman) for report.

The Hon Secy reported the receipt of a letter from the Town Clerk stating that the Town Council have agreed in principle to No 3 Castle Street being added to the museum & asking for particulars as to alterations considered to be needed.

~~Ad. Keyes~~ Ad. Keyes & Ad. Coates to follow with the Honorary Officers were appointed as a Sub Com with power to report to the Town Council

The date of the next meeting of the Council was
fixed for January 21st.

Jan 21st / 30

C. D. Koch

A meeting of the Executive Comtee was held at the
Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology at 5.0 p.m. on Friday
Jan 21st 1938. Those were present :-

The President (A. E. Searle Kirk) in the chair, Mrs C. E. Parsons
Ad. Mrs Hayes, Mrs M. O'Reilly, S. J. M. Smyth, Mrs J. Clapman,
S. S. Palmer & Cobble, Mrs Barnard, L. C. Clarke, ^{L. J. Newman} W. H.
Swift, H. J. J. Walker, J. Saltmarsh, A. C. Cairns, S. J. Holman
& the Custodian.

An apology for absence was received from Mr Baker.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and
confirmed.

Among other the minutes the President reported that
he had interviewed Mr H. D. Catling, who was giving the
question of valuation for insurance purposes his consideration.
Mr J. J. Walker reported that he had acquired the wooden
stone mill box from a Wellingham miller for the Museum
free of cost. Further information was also given regarding
the carved beams from the old Emsdale about which
S. S. Palmer had written an illustrated note
published in the Cambridge Daily News.

The President further reported regarding an old pillow in the Trumpington police lockup & it was agreed that he should approach Mrs Pemberton with a view to its acquisition. He also drew attention to a tea table was on sale by James Rose towards the purchase of which Dr Rouse had offered a subscription of £1.1.0, and it was resolved that the Hon Curator be authorised to examine the work & report.

The Hon Curator reported that there were now 1604 articles in the Museum, & gave particulars of new acquisitions. It was agreed that military uniforms be accepted, provided that they are of local corps. Reference was also made to the Custodian. The report was received.

It was further agreed that steps be taken to acquire two fireplaces, together with a painted panel to which attention was drawn by the Cambridge Antiquarian Society, from property on Stung Hill bequeathed to Storey's Charity.

The Hon Sec. & Treasurer presented a financial

statement of which the following were the salient features

Income since last meeting	£ 15. 12. 11
Total Income during 1937	£ 239. 4. 9
Life memberships	53. 0. 0
Ordinary "	92. 5. 0
Associates "	20. 0. 6
Donations	43. 14. 0
Museum takings	30. 5. 3
Total Expenditure in 1937	£ 244. 3. 11
Balance in Bank Dec 31 st	£ 45. 19. 3

The Treasurer drew attention to the fact that of the policy approved with regard to life memberships subscriptions for 1936 were followed for 1937 the credit-balance would be converted into a deficit of approximately £ 30. On the motion of Mr. Condon, seconded by Mr. Clarke it was resolved that the course advised by the auditors for 1936 be followed for 1937.

The Hon. Treasurer further reported that the Borough Education Committee had resolved to give a further grant

of £10 for the year 1938 if the facilities for the admission of school children were still available, & it was resolved that the Education Secretary's letter be answered in the affirmative.

Arising out of this a report by Miss Chapman to the effect that the Cambridge Primary Teachers Association had disapproved the suggested examination & prize was received.

The report of the Special Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the question of extension of the museum premises was communicated to the Committee, and it was explained that this was now in the hands of the Town Council, whose decision as to the improvements proposed was awaited.

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting should be arranged for March 9th or 11th, and on the motion of Mr. Saltmarsh seconded by Miss Parsons it was resolved that Miss Grant be asked to give an address on the Folk Museum experience in Scotland.

The date of a special meeting of the Executive Com^{tee} to consider the draft annual report was fixed for Feb 11th.

It was agreed on the motion of Mr. Barmond that a numerical return of visitors to the Museum be included in the annual report.

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr. Conder that the County Education Com^{tee} be approached for a grant on a basis similar to that for the admission of Board School children.

It was moved by Mr. J. J. Walker, seconded by Mr. O'Keefe, & carried, that the new Curator of the Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology (Mr. T. T. Paterson, M.A.) be elected a member of the Com^{tee}.

Feb 11th. 1938

E. S. Peck

A special meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology at 5.0 p.m. on Friday January 11th 1938. Members present:-

The President (C^o E. Bartlett, in the Chair) Miss Catherine E. Parsons, Dr C. T. Elliott, Mrs M. J. Kelly, Dr J. J. Walker, Dr Z. K. S. S. S. S., Dr W. J. S. S., Dr John Saltmarsh, Dr E. A. B. Barnard, Mrs J. Chapman, also Mrs Keyes & the Hon Sec & Treas.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Baker, Dr Cobble & Dr Palmer.

It was reported that Dr T. T. Patterson had consented to join the Executive Com.

Amongst the minutes

(as the President reported that he had consulted Mr C. C. C., who considered that the only satisfactory manner in which to deal with the question of insurance of the museum contents would be to get a professional appraiser to value the articles, two lists to be prepared, one of

which should be sent to the Fire Insurance Co. for their approval. The President undertook to get tenders

(b) The President reported that Mrs. Pemberton had agreed to present the pillow in the Thompson's police lock-up to the Museum.

(c) The Hon. Curator reported that she had seen the green object in Dennis Rose's possession, and that the price had risen to £15. She recommended no further action. The President undertook to see Dr. Rose about his offer of £1.00 towards the purchase price.

(d) Miss O'Reilly stated that the Cambridge Antiquarian Society was awaiting the decision of Storer's Clerk regarding certain objects in Dennis Rose's collection.

The Hon. Curator reported that Miss Brown had kindly undertaken to do repair work on objects at the Museum.

The draft annual report was considered and

after amendment; was approved for presentation to the Annual General Meeting, with the addition of a statement by the Hon. Curator, to be agreed by the President.

Arrangements for the Annual General Meeting on Decr 4th were approved, and it was agreed to recommend the reelection of Paton & President, & of the Central Committee with the addition of the names of Mrs Buckingham, Dr^s Sharp, The Lord Dunsheaven, Sir Graham Ivers, Dr^s T. T. Patterson, Dr^s G. H. Heffer & Dr^s Roger Whip; also of the Executive Com. with the addition of Mr Patterson.

The terms of appointment & emolument of the Custodian (Mr R. L. Lambell) were considered, & it was resolved to recommend:-

1. On the motion of Mrs Parsons seconded by B. Scarby, that he be Assistant Curator
2. On the motion of Mrs Keyes that his salary be £110 p.a.

E. J. Peck,

April 21st 1898