GOWERTON LIBRARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1st meeting held at Gowerton Library on Monday 12th October 2015.

Present:	Jean Meredith	Elaine Howell
	Viv Davies	Pearl Hill
	Stuart Eley	Marion Morris
	Peter Pritchard	Siân Pritchard
	Roland Emmanuel	Sue Jones (Cllr)
	Peter Davies	Ann Guard

Jean was elected to be Honorary President of the Society, Elaine took on the role of Chair and Siân took on the role of secretary.

It was agreed that the group would get itself established before attempting retrieval of information/photographs currently held by the Gowerton Archive group. Some discs and a memory pen were found in the library; there are photographs on them, some of which were scanned from the photograph albums belonging to Norman Williams. Rev Williams had passed these albums on to the library for reference and were subsequently handed over to Mr and Mrs Bolchover to be stored in the Rechabite Hall during the refurbishment of Gowerton Library. We will look at retrieval of these items and other materials when storage has been sorted.

Roland suggested scanning all the photographs that he has along with all those held by other members and any others we may get hold of in the future. Peter P has agreed to do this with help as offered/required. Peter P also to look into setting up a website for the group; this needs to be accessible from different sources eg: linked to previous websites and the Community Council website.

It was agreed that regular meetings would be held on the second Monday of each month in Gowerton Library at 10am. Jean is to organise a speaker for the November meeting; hopefully Kim Collis from Swansea archives. If Mr Collis is unavailable on this date, we will have an impromptu talk by Roland.

It was suggested that we approach the Community Council for a grant. It was also suggested that it would be a nice idea to have a 'Gowerton Trail' with signage at places of interest and if we get a grant, it could be used to fund this as well as the website. Sue suggested contacting Sainsbury's, because they are interested in promoting community projects.

Lastly, tea and coffee will be available at each meeting supplied by the library at a cost of 30p a cup which can start a fund!

Meeting closed at 11.30

Next meeting Monday November 9th Gowerton Library 10am.

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Meeting held at Gowerton Library Monday 14th December 2015

PRESENT	Sian Pritchard	Peter Pritchard
	Paula Wootton	Dave Wootton
	Terry Townend	Pamela Morgan
	Viv Davies	Pearl Hill
APPOLOGIES	Elaine Howell	George Morgan
	Jean Meredith	

Minutes were submitted with the following amendments: Roland was present, and Viv had sent her apologies!
In the absence of either chair or president, there was a general discussion with regard to points of interest within the village. Sian is to try to get hold of multiple copies of large scale maps of the village in 1913 and during WW11 for use within the group. Sian also needs to set up the constitution and to contact her friend regarding Welsh translation of Blue Plaque signs. It was agreed we need a proper agenda for each meeting with a general topic for discussion. The following was proposed as a programme for the foreseeable future:

Mon 11th Jan	Archive visit
Mon 8th Feb	Viv talk on medieval history / blue plaques
Mon 14th Mar	Coal and Canal
Mon 11th Apr	Railways
Mon 9th May	Tinplate
Mon 13th June	Foundry
Mon 11th July	Gowerton People
Mon 8th Aug	Blue Plaques

All of these are subject to change.
Peter P is to set up the website and pay any initial reasonable costs with a view to reimbursement; he is anticipating around £20.
Meeting closed at 11.30
Next meeting: Mon 11th Jan 2016 10am at Swansea Archives.

Agenda for meeting 8th Feb

1) Apologies
2) Minutes of meeting 14th December
3) Matters arising
4) Constitution
5) Website update
6) Viv talk on medieval history of Gowerton
7) Any other business

POST SCRIPT

The visit to the Archives in Swansea will now take place on Monday 8th February not Mon 11th Jan due to Mr Kim Collis having other commitments on 11th, therefore the above agenda should be considered on Monday 11th Jan instead.