



## Trustee`s Report 31 August 2017

### Purpose

The Society is established for charitable purposes only, to promote the advancement through education and knowledge, an appreciation and understanding of the history of the Lisburn area in particular but also further afield.

The Society promote the culture, heritage and history of the City of Lisburn, through a regular programme of lectures, the publication of interpretative material and journals and a dedicated website.

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## Chairman's Report:

I am pleased to report that it has been another pleasantly busy year in the life of Lisburn Historical Society – a year that began with a change of month for the Annual General Meeting – from September to April. The Annual Dinner was well attended in Dunmurry Golf Club and our thanks go to the Club for allowing us to use their fine venue and for providing a lovely meal. The outing in April 2016 to Dublin and Wicklow was a resounding success and I thank Finny - and his assistant Olive – for organising this splendid trip. David Twigg organised a most interesting visit to Thiepval Barracks and more recently a very fine visit to Hillsborough Castle. He too has earned the grateful thanks of the members for his detailed planning.

This year again we had a varied programme of indoor meetings that members enjoyed in the Museum and we look forward to another interesting talk later this evening.

Whilst the committee meet in the Spring to arrange the series of talks – making suggestions as to speakers and topics – it is the secretary who sorts everything out to finalise the programme and arrange for the speakers to turn up.

Members of the Society had been most happy to attend recently the opening of the Dennis Osborne art exhibition held here in the Museum.

The committee has been meeting more frequently in the past few months, planning a Celebratory Dinner to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Lisburn Historical Society. The event is to be held in the Museum on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017.

Before closing I want to thank the committee and Society members for their kindness and support for me as I perform my task at the front. In paying tribute to the committee, I must make special mention of the Secretary and Treasurer for their invaluable work for the Society.

We in the Society know that the ambience of our meetings is due in no small part to the surroundings in this fine museum and I thank the staff who are always present at the doors each evening and in attendance during the meetings.

Finally, I give special thanks to Paul Allison and to Brian Mackey, who, she was pleased to say, would still be here for some further time.

## **Hon. Secretary's Report**

The advantage of following the Chairman is that nearly all matters have been covered by her. My short report is like a dose of déjà vu. However, it would be remiss of me not to say, on behalf of us all, a very sincere thank you to Rosemary for chairing the Society through another successful and enjoyable year. Thank you Rosemary.

I would also thank the officers and committee members for their help as always in my role as secretary. Yet again we did not hold too many meetings this year, mainly because Finny and Ian worked very effectively to deal with matters arising. We have maintained the very co-operative and sociable working relationships of previous years so it has been a pleasure to serve with this group. Once again, I would urge more members to take a turn in office and help to keep the Society running effectively. Most of the current committee have served for many years and we do need some change occasionally to share the workload. I have been a member of committee since 2008 and Hon. Secretary since 2009.

We continue to email as many documents as possible. I now post out only to 16 addresses which reduces my workload considerably and saves the Society a lot of money that would otherwise be spent on postage. I thank you for that and I would urge all members with an email address to make it available for our use.

The website for Lisburn Historical Society continues to be used and has facilitated enquiries from members of the public. If you need to contact our Secretary or Treasurer, and don't have contact details, you can easily reach them by using the website.

The regular correspondence received this year has been notices and insurance matters from FULS and a letter from Dunmurry Golf Club in relation to our annual dinner. We also had a very nice reply from Lord Eames explaining that he couldn't be our after dinner speaker for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner as he had business in London on the same date.

## **Hon. Treasurers Report**

Before commencing my report I hope you all received a copy of the annual accounts which have been left on each chair. Should anyone not have received a copy there are copies available.

You will notice that the accounts are in a different format from previous years as the way they are presented must now comply with the requirements of CCNI. On the first page is a Statement of Receipts and Payments for the financial year ending 31 August 2016.

Starting from the left hand side of the page we have a column giving the transaction details. There are then 5 columns of figures. The first column headed "Unrestricted Funds" lists the funds used for the everyday running of the Society. The total income for the year ending 31 August 2016 was £11,764.64, with total expenditure of £11,289.16 leaving a surplus of £475.48.

Moving down the page to the Bank Reconciliation heading the surplus is added to the opening Bank balance at 01 September 2015 of £4510.67 which gives a closing balance at the 31 August 2016 of £4,986.15.

Below this is the Reserve Deposit Account which earned interest of £1.73 and the balance is £2,773.73

The next column is titled "Restricted Funds" and covers any monies to be used for a specified purpose, which is the society Journal Account. The entries for this account appear at the bottom of the page the only transaction was the receipt of £3.40 interest.

The Society do not have any Endowments so there is nothing to record in column 3. The amounts in the "Unrestricted Funds" column are repeated in column headed "Total 2016" to allow a comparison to be made with the accounts for the previous financial year which are given in the column headed "Total 2015". The surplus in 2016 is down on the previous year but the closing bank balance is up.

CCNI require a Statement of Assets and Liabilities to be prepared and this is on the reverse side of the sheet. The total Assets of the Society, are the Current account, Reserve Deposit account and Journal account which total £13,217.30. up from £12,736.69 the previous year. As we operate a Receipts and Payments accounting system there are no liabilities.

Mr Ronnie Earle in his usual meticulous and efficient manner carried out the annual Audit of the accounts and has indicated a willingness to continue as Society Auditor should this be the wish of members.

The audited accounts, to meet our legal obligations, have been submitted to CCNI and can be viewed on their website.

Ladies and gentlemen this is the Treasurers report for 2015-2016

The reports are signed for and on behalf of the Trustee's

Chairperson

