

Note of meeting September 19th 2019

1. Present: Ann Bridges, Anne Morris, David Watkinson, Dorothy Orem, Liz Higgins, Ted Brocklebank, Edmund Robertson, Arlen Pardoe, Erika Musselwhite, Jim Bennett.

2. Apologies:

Maia Sheridan, Helen Patrick, Frances Humphries

3. The group welcomed Erika as a new member.

4. General discussion of the composition and purpose of the group. AB had not made any attempt to recruit pupils this year, as this had not proved a successful route in the three previous years. Although there had been initial enthusiasm, and help with the display at the Preservation Trust, interest and participation had then waned. On the other hand, Maia, with the help of volunteer students had made great headway with the recording of material in K3, for which we are very grateful.

The general prospects now that the new school had actually begun were discussed. The importance of the transfer and display of some items such as Dux boards, Dr Bell's portrait and High Jump was noted – and the need for fundraising. TB reminded us of the gift of display cases.

The fate of Tom Drysdale's Diary – Christine Hamilton had indicated that she was willing for the Diary to be retained in a collection somewhere like the Imperial War Museum, or St Andrews University. AB was to contact Ken Robertson and ask his advice.

5. Reports from sub groups.

TB is continuing with interviews, and reminded us of the invaluable help being given by Veronica Whyman in the transcription. AB was tasked with writing a letter of thanks for her contribution.

AM reported that the scrap books were being updated regularly.

6. Liaison with the FP Girls' club (JB is going to address the Club at their annual dinner) and the possibility of raising awareness of the resources of the Archive – possibly by means of a coffee morning were suggested.

7. Date of next meeting – 28th November 2019.

PS I also have a heading which says History of Staff but I haven't taken note of the subsequent discussion – again! Sorry.