

Summary of minutes of the Board Meeting of the John Rae Society
Sunday 21st August 2016 at the Pomona Inn, Finstown
Starting at 7.30 pm

Present:

Andrew Appleby – President
Norman Shearer – in the Chair
Anna Elmy – Hon Secretary
Fiona Lettice – Hon. Treasurer

Colin Bullen
Denise Bullen
Mark Newton
Xandra Shearer
John Welburn
Anna Gudge – Minute Secretary

A design has been produced for pop-up banners for the John Rae Society to use at events and fairs. It was suggested that the words “Orkney’s Arctic Hero” or “Celebrating Orkney’s Arctic Hero” could be added, along with a picture of the Society’s badge.

The Society has had some recent fundraising success at the Dounby Show, the Blue Door and the Vintage Show. It is hoped that there will be more volunteers to help at future events.

Membership levels remain similar to the last meeting, but it is hoped that, once we have news on the plan to purchase the Hall of Clestrain, membership, particularly within Orkney, will increase.

The John Rae Society is planning a simple service to mark John Rae’s birthday on 30th September in the graveyard at St Magnus Cathedral with a piper. In the evening a party will be held in the back bar of the Royal Hotel, Stromness, with live music and birthday cake.

The Society will be present at the Orkney Science Festival Family Day at the King Street Halls, Kirkwall, on Saturday 3rd September. There will be a display on John Rae and the art of survival. It is hoped that the Society can have a bigger display or event at the 2017 Science Festival.

The next Board meeting will take place as soon as the purchase of the Hall of Clestrain is concluded.