

LIBRARY FOR LINWOOD.

A PROPOSAL ADOPTED.

A meeting called by the Linwood Citizens' Association was held last evening in the Oddfellows' Hall, Rolleston Street, Linwood, for the purpose of discussing a proposal to establish a library. Mr W. W. Tanner presided. Mr G. W. Russell, M.P., said that the City Council had put the sum of £40 on its estimates for the purpose of stocking a library at Linwood and had offered the use of the old Linwood Council Chambers at a rent of ten shillings a year. The offer of £40 had lapsed, as it had not been taken up by March 30, the end of the financial year, but he had that day seen the Town Clerk and Councillor Otley, in the absence of the Mayor, and while they could not speak definitely, they had expressed the opinion that the £40 would still be available, and it would be added to by the usual annual grant of £25. To this would have to be added the share of the annual parliamentary grant of £3000, probably £10, and with the money so provided it would be possible for the residents of Linwood to stock a fairly large number of books. He thought that a subscription of 5s a year would be sufficient to defray expenses, and that probably at least three hundred subscribers might be expected.

Mr Clark moved that a library should be established in Linwood, with headquarters in the old Council Chambers. He expressed a hope that the example of St Albans and Sydenham, which, he said, had billiard-rooms in connection with their libraries, would not be followed.

The motion was seconded by Mr E. Reddington and carried unanimously. Messrs J. R. Brunt, John Jamieson, W. T. Mackay, A. Marshall, G. W. Russell, D. Richardson, P. Rountree, W. W. Tanner, H. M. Chappel and J. Clark, Councillors T. N. Horsley and H. J. Otley, and the president, secretary and treasurer of the Linwood Citizens' Association, were appointed a committee to consider the matter and report to a future meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the City Council for its offer of the Council Chambers as a site for the proposed library, and Messrs G. W. Russell, W.

W. Tanner, A. Marshall, D. Richardson, H. M. Chappel, J. Clark and C. Reddington were appointed a deputation to wait upon the Council to request that the lapsed grant of £40 should not be withdrawn and to ask for any further assistance the Council might see fit to give.

On Mr Tanner's motion a vote of thanks was passed to the Linwood Citizens' Association for the trouble which it had taken in the matter.

5.A. The appointment of a Secretary (who may be a member of the Committee) shall be made by the Committee from time to time. No paid officer of the Library shall have a seat on the Committee.

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Minutes of meeting of Provisional Committee held on Wednesday May 5th 09. Mr G W Russell M.P. occupied the Chair and the following members were present. Messrs McKay Richardson, Rountree, Clark Marshall Meers and Chappell.

Apologies were received from Messrs Tanner, Brunt & Horsley.

Mr Russell moved and Mr Clarke seconded that Mr H M Chappell act as Secretary for the meeting.

Deputation to City Council. The deputation appointed at the meeting of residents held on Friday April 30th interviewed the City Council on Monday May 3rd when a resolution was passed agreeing to give for the Linwood library the £40 placed on the Estimates for last year for that purpose and a letter to that effect has been received by the Secretary of the Linwood Citizens Association.