

Mr March gave notice that he would move that the Society take into consideration the expediency of investing a portion of our funds in the formation of a library.

Read and confirmed on the 13th day of June 1866
Chas J Foster
Chairman

Mechanics Institute

June 14/66

The Society met at the usual hour Dr Foster in the Chair.
Present. Messrs Beynon Baine, Montgomery A Newton W Newton
New Morley March Cox Whelan Miss Mence
Newitt Frost.

Being quarterly night no discussion took place -
Dr Foster gave notice that Mr Habens resigned the office of president.

Messrs The Secretary then moved "that two vice-presidents be elected from among the members, and also an honorary president." ^{he excepted} The resolution was seconded and carried -

Messrs Shackleton & Montgomery were elected vice-presidents

Moved & seconded "that his honor the Superintendent be requested to act as first honorary president" Carried - The officers of the Society were instructed to wait on his Honor & obtain his decision in the matter.

Mr Whelan was elected Treasurer -

Mr A Newton was elected Secretary -

Dr Foster was unanimously elected president

Moved by Mr Beynon & seconded by Mr Guthrie "that Mr Whelan be appointed Treasurer" Carried -

Moved by Mr Guthrie & seconded by Mr Beynon that Mr A Newton be appointed Secretary. The following members of Committee were elected - Baine, Cox, Beynon, W Newton Miss Guthrie.

Moved by Mr Beynon & seconded by Mr Guthrie "that Messrs Kerr & McNeill be appointed auditors" Carried -

The Treasurers a/c was laid before the Society and passed.

In the absence of Mr Shackleton Mr Beynon moved & Mr Guthrie seconded the following resolution -

"That with a view of creating a greater interest in the proceedings of the Society, a change be made in the mode of carrying the programme" Mr Montgomery moved the former question which was carried -

Mr March then moved "that £30 thirty pounds be expended in the purchase of Books"

Mr Beynon moved as an amendment "that the Encyclopaedia Britannica be purchased -

Mr Cox moved "that the Society rent a room in Town." "that

Mr Newitt the whole question be referred to the Committee of Management" All the resolutions were then withdrawn in favour of Mr Newitt's which was carried" Moved & seconded that

"A vote of thanks ~~was then~~ be presented to Mr Habens on his retirement from the office of president" Carried

A vote of thanks was then presented to the retiring Treasurer & Secretary. It was then resolved