

Portland War Memorial Hall

FINAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Notable Community Effort

The Committee responsible for raising funds and building the Portland War Memorial Hall, at St. Helens, met for the last time on Friday, 30th January, after nearly 10 years work, under the chairmanship of the Deputy-Warden, Councillor J. W. Treloggen Esq., J.P.

The following figures were presented:—

Cost of Hall, £9,867/13/6 (Messrs. Tucker and Wright, builders £9,292/13/6, and Messrs. Johnston and Crawford, architects £575). Received by the Portland Council to meet costs: Government grant £1,500, loan

monies £4,000, and funds provided by the Hall Committee out of public subscriptions and proceeds of functions, etc., £3,700.

The deficiency of £667/13/6 is being carried by the Council, and will have to be met in some way. It was agreed that a balance of funds held by the Hall Committee, amounting to £50/2/3, should now be transferred to the Council.

A FINE ACHIEVEMENT

The above figures show the very creditable achievement of the Portland War Memorial Hall Committee in having provided a total of £3,750/2/3 in cash towards the cost of building the hall. An examination of the books, however, shows that a further total of £454/9/11 was disbursed in other expenditures connected with the hall, the main items of which were £45 for purchase of extra land, £131/11/3 instalments on piano, £124/17/6 for seating for the hall, £20/8/6 for the foundation stone, and £34/9/8 for temporary lighting, making a grand total of monies raised of £4,204/12/2.

Still further sums were disbursed direct by the organisations or persons concerned. For

example, the St. Helens Branch of the C.W.A. expended approximately £75 on equipping the kitchen at the Hall, whilst one donation of £60 paid the initial payment for the piano for which the C.W.A. Younger Set accepted responsibility for finding all subsequent instalments.

The people of Portland are to be congratulated on a very fine community effort.

FUTURE MANAGEMENT

It was stated that the Portland Council expected to put the future management of the hall into the hands of an Extra-ordinary Committee, which would also undertake to raise money to pay off the debt on the hall.

HELP ACKNOWLEDGED

Councillor W. Ewart Tucker, on behalf of the members of the Hall Committee, thanked the officers for their work and also spoke appreciatively of the work of the St. Helens Branch of the C.W.A. in making it possible to build the Hall. The C.W.A. had organised the Queen Carnival some years ago that had benefitted the funds by over £1,200.

Councillor Treloggen thanked Mr. Tucker on behalf of the officers, and gave a brief history of the work of the committee since its inception. He asked Mrs. Barber, as C.W.A. representative on the committee, to convey to her branch the thanks of the committee for their wonderful work over the years in numerous ways, and also gave personal thanks to Mrs. Barber for her own interest in the Hall outside the

Mrs. Barber for her own interest in the Hall outside the C.W.A. He referred to the spade work done by a former Secretary, the late Council Clerk, Mr. J. A. Hodgman and of the value of his suggestions and advice, and thanked Mr. H. T. Reid and Mr. C. P. Fysh, who as Joint Secretaries had followed the late Mr. Hodgman and had given of ~~the~~ their best.

The Chairman then thanked the present Secretary, the Council Clerk, Mr. E. A. Rogers, and the Treasurer, Mr. J. W. Cleland, and said that he could not speak too highly of their work.

Mrs. Barber thanked the Chairman on behalf of the C.W.A. and Mr. Tucker as builder of the hall.