

GLAMORGAN HISTORY SOCIETY
CYMDEITHAS HANES MORGANNWG
Registered Charity Number 511498

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held at Tondu Methodist Church on 13 May 2017 at 2.00 p.m.

21 members attended whose names are recorded on the attendance sheet.

1. Chairman's address

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. He noted that during the past 12 months the Society had held a successful autumn day school at the Heronston Hotel in Bridgend which had been well attended. The theme, the transition of Glamorgan from marcher lordship to shire county, had ultimately been inspired by the year 2016 being the 700th anniversary of the rising of Llywelyn Bren. Volume 60 of *Morgannwg* had also been published, a large issue containing a wide variety of articles and other material.

2. Apologies for absence

Rod Cooper, John Edwards, George Haynes, Brian James, David M Jones, Judith Jones, Marilyn Jones, Professor W D Jones, Dr Katrina Legg, Rev Dr Brian Lodwick, Rev Dr John Morgan-Guy, Annie Owen, Malcolm Ridge, Stephen Rowson, Dr Richard Watson, Huw Williams

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21 May 2016

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

None.

5. Secretary's report

The Hon. Secretary reported that the principal matters that had been considered by Council during the past year were much the same as in 2014/15, i e, the identification of new joint editors for *Morgannwg*; the ongoing situation regarding the local studies collection formerly in Cardiff Central Library; the continuing decline in membership; and the selection of a topic for the autumn day. He was pleased to report that new joint editors had now been found and that topics for the 2016 day school and for several further years had been agreed upon. However, there was still no satisfactory solution to the Cardiff local studies collection (and in particular the non-book material) and the number of members continued to decline.

The autumn day school had been held at the Heronston Hotel in Bridgend on 19 November 2016. Attendance showed a welcome improvement on previous years, due in part, perhaps, to the convenient location of the hotel. The annual general meeting had been held in Tondu Methodist Church. Arrangements were in hand for the 2017 autumn day school, to be held at the Heronston Hotel once again, on the theme of Glamorgan artists of the past two centuries. The date of the event is to be 18 November 2017.

The Society had continued to sponsor the Patricia Moore Memorial Prize which in 2016 had been awarded to Deri Primary School in the Rhymney valley. The awards ceremony in 2017 is to be held at the Carmarthen campus of the University of Wales Trinity St David on Friday 7 July.

The report was accepted; proposed by Miss Hilary Thomas, seconded by Mrs Jennifer John.

6. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer, Mr Keith Jones, reported that the Society had gained 9 members during the year but had lost 15 by resignation and 2 by death. At the end of the year individual membership stood at 240 with 58 institutional members, a total of 298.

Income had increased by £531 to £4,067. The day school had been subsidised to the extent of £642 (compared to £423 in the previous year) but this large increase had been offset by the unexpected receipt of £822 from the Publishers Licensing Society. Expenditure had fallen by £8 from £4,058 to £4,050. The cost of printing *Morgannwg* fell by £109.

The year ended with a surplus of £17 (compared with a deficit of £522 in the previous year). Overall the Society's financial position remained sound with total net assets of £17,580 (£16,847 in the previous year).

The report was accepted; proposed by Mr David Leslie Davies, seconded by Mr Keith Edwards.

7. Joint Editors' report

Speaking on behalf of the Joint Editors, Mr Jeff Childs reported that the 2016 issue of *Morgannwg* had appeared with the usual range of articles, reviews, reports and notes and queries. He thanked the contributors and in particular Mr Neil Maylan, who had prepared the archaeological report, and Mr Brian James who had compiled the decennial index. The Secretary was asked to write to Mr James to express the Society's appreciation of his efforts. He also thanked Mr Tony Hopkins, who was now standing down, for his contribution as joint editor. Work had already been started on volume 61; adequate material was to hand for this issue and for much of volume 62, but he encouraged members to submit further contributions so as to ensure a regular supply of material.

Following further enquiries and discussion Professor Madeleine Gray had agreed to accept nomination to the vacant post of joint editor with immediate effect. Dr Lisa Tallis had agreed to accept nomination to the second post of joint editor in 2018 in succession to Mr Childs.

The report was accepted; proposed by Mr Chris Jones-Jenkins, seconded by Mr Neville Granville.

8. Election of officers and members of Council

The officers, with the exception of Tony Hopkins and with the addition of Madeleine Gray, were re-elected *en bloc*; proposed by Miss Hilary Thomas, seconded by Mrs Violet Pole.

The nominations made by Council to the vacant Council positions (John Adams, Neville Granville, Peter Henry, Judith Jones, Marilyn Jones, Professor Bill Jones, Annie Owen and Andrew Richardson) were also elected *en bloc*; proposed by Mrs Jennifer John, seconded by Mr Chris Jones-Jenkins.

9. Nomination of auditor

The Chairman reported that Mr David Pole had agreed to continue as the Society's auditor for a further year and he was thanked for his continued service.

10. Any other business

None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2.35 p.m. Following the annual general meeting of the South Wales Record Society, Mr Paul Frame gave a lecture entitled 'Liberty's apostle : the life and times of Richard Price 1723–91'.

Signed as a true record of proceedings

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