

GLAMORGAN HISTORY SOCIETY
CYMDEITHAS HANES MORGANNWG
Registered Charity Number 511498

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held at Glamorgan Archives on 12 May 2018 at 2.45 p.m.

26 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 on the theme of Glamorgan artists. Volume 61 of *Morgannwg* had also been published. He was particularly happy to note that two new joint editors had come forward who would take over responsibility for the journal from volume 62. On a sadder note he recalled the deaths during the past year of four distinguished members, the Revd Canon David Walker, Dr Fred Cowley, Mrs Jean Kember and Professor Harold Carter.

2. Apologies for absence

Elaine Davey, Tony Hopkins, Dr Katrina Legg, David Lermon, Rev Dr John Morgan-Guy, Annie Owen, Professor Gwynedd Pierce, Violet Pole, Stephen Roberts.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13 May 2017

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

4. Matters arising

None.

5. Secretary's report

The Hon. Secretary reported that Council had held its customary two meetings during the year 2017. As the Chairman had reported, the longstanding issue of identifying new editors had now been resolved but there was still no satisfactory outcome to another issue that had long been a matter of concern, the future of the non-book material in the Cardiff local studies collection.

He also reported that arrangements had been made for the present year's autumn day school which would be held, once again at the Heronston Hotel in Bridgend, on 10 November 2018. The theme would be the history of the iron and steel industry and speakers who had agreed to present addresses were Joe England, Robert Protheroe Jones and Bleddyn Penny.

The Society had continued to sponsor the Patricia Moore Memorial Prize which in 2017 had been awarded to Cyfarthfa Park Primary School in Merthyr Tydfil. The Society had been represented by Mr Rod Cooper. The awards ceremony in 2018 is to be held at the Treforest campus of the University of South Wales on Friday 6 July.

He finally reported that a small group within Council had been considering the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations. A draft policy had been prepared and this would be submitted to Council in September and once approved distributed to all members.

The report was accepted; proposed by Keith Jones, seconded by Kim Collis.

6. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer, Mr Keith Jones, reported that the Society had gained 4 members during the year but had lost 11 by resignation and 6 by death. At the end of the year individual membership stood at 227 with 58 institutional members, a total of 285.

Income had fallen by £946 to £3,121. This was largely due to an exceptional payment received in 2016 from the Publishers Licensing Society. Total expenditure had fallen by £234 from £4,050 to £3,816.

The year ended with a deficit of £695 (compared to a surplus of £17 in the previous year). Overall the Society's financial position remained sound with total net assets of £17,894 (compared to £17,580 in the previous year).

The Treasurer concluded by thanking Mr David Pole, who had expressed a wish to stand down from his role as auditor, for examining the accounts both for the past year and for every year since 2008.

The report was accepted; proposed by Richard Watson, seconded by Peter Henry.

7. Joint Editors' report

Speaking on behalf of the Joint Editors, Mr Jeff Childs thanked all the contributors to the 2016 issue of *Morgannwg* and in particular Mr Neil Maylan, who had prepared the archaeological report. He also expressed his thanks to his joint editor, Professor Madeleine Gray, and to Dr Lisa Tallis who had shadowed him most proactively as a preliminary to replacing him as joint editor. He thanked the printers for their helpfulness and reported that material was to hand for the next two issues.

Professor Gray confirmed that several major articles had already been received but she was anxious to encourage the submission of shorter notes and queries. Feedback would be appreciated as to whether the publication operated at an appropriate academic level.

Dr Tallis added that contributions in Welsh would also be welcomed.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Society to Jeff Childs for his many years' service as editor. This was greeted with acclaim.

The report was accepted; proposed by Hilary Thomas, seconded by Richard Watson.

8. Election of officers and members of Council

The officers, with the exception of Jeff Childs and with the addition of Lisa Tallis, were re-elected *en bloc* as were the nominations made by Council to the vacant Council positions (Jeff Childs, Tony Hopkins, Chris Jones-Jenkins, Stephen Rowson and Nigel Williams).

Proposed by Professor Muriel Chamberlain, seconded by Neville Granville.

9. Nomination of auditor

The Treasurer reported that he had approached Mrs Jo Howell of Peterston super Ely who was willing to act as the Society's auditor and who he believed would be a suitable appointment.

This was agreed; proposed by Barry Davies, seconded by Rod Cooper.

The Secretary was asked to write to Mr David Pole to express the Society's appreciation of his work as auditor during the past 10 years.

10. Any other business

Mrs Pat Jones-Jenkins informed members that funding had recently been received by the Ruperra Conservation Trust which would make it possible to undertake repairs to the south porch of the castle.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 3.30 p.m. Following the meeting Dr Adam Coward spoke on the Revd Edmund Jones and his work 'A Spiritual Botany' which he had recently edited for the South Wales Record Society.

Signed as a true record of proceedings

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