

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 9 May 2015 at 2.00 p.m.

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

1. Chairman's address

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. He explained his absence from last year's AGM and thanked Mr Neville Granville for deputising as Chairman on that occasion. The Chairman explained the Secretary's absence from the current AGM and gave a short history of Tondu Methodist Church, the venue of the meeting. He reported that the Society had enjoyed another successful year, particularly in respect of the autumn day school and commended the latest edition of Morgannwg.

2. Apologies for absence

Dr Rhianydd Biebrach, Rev Roger Brown, Kim Collis, Geoffrey Evans, Jeff Evans, June Fisher, Dr Maddy Gray, Dr Peter Jackson, Marilyn Jones, Rev Dr Brian Lodwick, Rev Dr John Morgan-Guy, Jenny Morris, Richard Morris, Dennis Nottage, Annie Owen, Anne Rees, Rev Ivor Rees, Paul Reynolds, Stephen Rowson, Alan Williams.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 31 May 2014

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

4. Matters arising

None.

5. Secretary's report

In the absence of the Hon. Secretary, his report was read to the meeting by Mr Jeff Childs.

He reported that Council had met on two occasions during the previous year. A matter that had continued to give rise to disquiet had been the ongoing situation regarding the local studies collection in Cardiff Central Library. The Secretary had written to the City Council on several occasions to express the Society's concerns.

The autumn day school had been held at Court Colman Manor Hotel on 15 November 2014, the theme being 'Glamorgan in the First World War'. Attendance was satisfactory although lower than in the previous year. The annual general meeting had been held in the Waterfront Museum at Swansea but with a disappointingly low attendance. Arrangements were in hand for the 2015 autumn day school, to be held at Court Colman once again on the theme of 'The contribution of Glamorgan to the Patagonia settlement'. The date of the event is to be 31 October 2015.

During the year the Society's web site had been completely re-designed; he expressed his appreciation of the work undertaken in this respect by Mr Andrew Dulley of West Glamorgan Archive Service.

The Society continued to sponsor the Patricia Moore Memorial Prize which in 2014 had been awarded to Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bronllwyn (Pentre, RCT) for a project entitled 'Hedd Wyn Arwr Cymru'. The awards ceremony in 2015 is to be held in the Reardon Smith Theatre at the National Museum of Wales on Friday 10 July.

Mr Jeff Childs gave a brief update on the local studies facility at Cardiff Central Library.

The report was accepted; proposed by Mr Keith Edwards, seconded by Mrs Elisabeth Bennett.

6. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer, Mr Keith Jones, reported that the Society had gained 9 members during the year but had lost 12 by resignation and 7 by death. At the end of the year individual membership stood at 258 with 65 institutional members, a total of 323, 10 less than in the previous year.

Income had fallen by £467 and the day school had been subsidised to the extent of £564 (£190 in the previous year). Expenditure had increased by £420 from £4,166 to £4,586. The cost of printing *Morgannwg* rose by £341.

The year ended with a deficit of £967 (compared to £80 in the previous year). Overall the Society's financial position remained sound with total net assets of £16,880 (£17,369 in the previous year).

A query was raised after the Treasurer presented his report to the effect that the difference between the two deficit figures (shown at the bottom of the income and expenditure statement for 2013 and 2014) seemed very high. The Treasurer assured members that all the figures had been checked and were accurate.

The report was accepted; proposed by Dr John Alban, seconded by Mr Neville Granville.

7. Joint Editors' report

Speaking on behalf of the Joint Editors, Mr Jeff Childs reported that the 2014 issue of *Morgannwg*, though substantial, was not as large as the previous volume. He reported that the number of books coming on to the market showed no signs of abating despite the economically straitened times. He was grateful for the positive feedback that had been received and thanked the contributors, archivists, reviewers and the printers, Dinefwr Press. New contributions were invited.

The report was accepted; proposed by Professor Ralph Griffiths, seconded by Mr Chris Jones-Jenkins.

8. Election of officers and members of Council

The officers were re-elected *en bloc*; proposed by Dr John Alban, seconded by Miss Hilary M. Thomas.

The nominations made by Council to the vacant Council positions (Kim Collis, Rod Cooper, Keith Edwards, Madeleine Gray, Richard Watson) were also elected *en bloc*; proposed by Mr Chris Jones-Jenkins, seconded by Dr Trevor Jones.

Mr J Barry Davies was elected with acclaim to a post of Vice-President; proposed by Dr Richard Watson, seconded by Professor Gwynedd O. Pierce.

9. Nomination of auditor

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

10. Any other business

None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2.25 p.m. The AGM of the South Wales Record Society was then held following which Dr Adam Chapman (Victoria County History) gave an illustrated lecture entitled 'The contribution of the Welsh archers, especially those from Glamorgan, to the Agincourt campaign of 1415'.

Signed as a true record of proceedings

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