

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 21 May 2016 at 2.45 p.m.

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

1. Chairman's address

The Chairman thanked his fellow officers and members for contributing to another successful year for the Society. Among the many possible anniversaries that had fallen in 2015 the Society had chosen to mark the Battle of Agincourt (1415) as the subject of the address at the Annual General Meeting and the Patagonia Settlement (1865) as the theme of the autumn day. Another issue of *Morgannwg* had been published containing the usual wide range of articles and other material. He concluded by urging members to commend membership of the Society to their friends and especially to give serious consideration to the recruitment of new editors for *Morgannwg*.

2. Apologies for absence

Keith Edwards, June Fisher, Dr Peter Freeman, Tony Hopkins, Rev Dr Brian Lodwick, Rev Dr John Morgan-Guy, Annie Owen, Nigel Williams.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 May 2015

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 met on two occasions during the previous year. The principal matters for discussion had been the difficulty in finding new joint editors for *Morgannwg*; the ongoing situation regarding the local studies collection in Cardiff Central Library; the continuing decline in membership numbers; and the selection of a topic for the autumn day.

The autumn day school had been held at Court Colman Manor Hotel on 31 October 2015, the theme being the Patagonia Settlement. Attendance (40) had been disappointing for which there were probably a variety of reasons. The annual general meeting had been held in Tondu Methodist Church. Arrangements were in hand for the 2016 autumn day school, to be held at Court Colman once again, on the transition of Glamorgan from marcher lordship to shire county in the 16th century. The date of the event is to be 19 November 2016.

The Society had continued to sponsor the Patricia Moore Memorial Prize which in 2015 had been awarded to Dyffryn School, Port Talbot for a project on the effects of the First World War on that locality. The awards ceremony in 2016 is to be held in the National Waterfront Museum at Swansea on Friday 8 July.

The Society had been represented at the Glamorgan Family History Society fair at Merthyr Tydfil and at the Swansea Local History Book Fair. A few copies of *Morgannwg* had been sold but no new members recruited.

The report was accepted; proposed by Miss Hilary Thomas, seconded by Mr Chris Jones-Jenkins.

6. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer, Mr Keith Jones, reported that the Society had gained 7 members during the year but had lost 21 by resignation and 4 by death. At the end of the year individual membership stood at 245 with 60 institutional members, a total of 305, 18 less than in the previous year.

Income had fallen by £83 and the day school had been subsidised to the extent of £423 (compared to £564 in the previous year). Expenditure had fallen by £528 from £4,586 to £4,058. The cost of printing *Morgannwg* fell by £306.

The year ended with a deficit of £522 (compared to £967 in the previous year). Overall the Society's financial position remained sound with total net assets of £16,487 (£16,880 in the previous year).

The report was accepted; proposed by Professor Ralph Griffiths, seconded by Dr Richard Watson.

7. Joint Editors' report

Speaking on behalf of the Joint Editors, Mr Jeff Childs reported that the 2015 issue of *Morgannwg* had appeared with the usual range of articles, reviews, reports and notes and queries. He was grateful for the positive feedback that had been received and thanked the contributors, archivists, reviewers and the printers, Dinefwr Press. Although sufficient material was to hand for two forthcoming issues, he was always glad of further contributions.

An appeal had been distributed with the recent issue of *Morgannwg* inviting expressions of interest in the role of editor but so far there had been no response.

The report was accepted; proposed by Mr David Leslie Davies, seconded by Mr Chris Jones-Jenkins.

8. Election of officers and members of Council

The officers were re-elected *en bloc*; proposed by Mrs Jean Kember, seconded by Mr Stephen Rowson.

The nominations made by Council to the vacant Council positions (Rhian Diggins, Katrina Legg, Sally Roberts Jones) were also elected *en bloc*; proposed by Dr Richard Watson, seconded by Mr David Leslie Davies. Three Council posts remained unfilled.

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 3.20 p.m. following which Dr Lisa Tallis gave a lecture entitled 'The Devil and the preacher: popular magic and demonological thought in Wales 1500–1800'

Signed as a true record of proceedings

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