

GLAMORGAN HISTORY SOCIETY
CYMDEITHAS HANES MORGANNWG
Registered Charity Number 511498

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held at Glamorgan Archives on 7 May 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

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

In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, Mr Jeff Childs was elected to chair the meeting; proposed, Paul Reynolds; seconded, Rod Cooper. Agreed unanimously.

1. Chairman's address

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. He drew their attention to the recent death of the Society's President, Professor Gwynedd Pierce, and paid tribute to his many contributions in the field of onomastics and toponymy. Members stood in tribute to his memory. He also mentioned the earlier death of Professor Muriel Chamberlain, an authority on imperial and Commonwealth history and an active member of the Historical Association and other historical societies.

2. Apologies for absence

Professor Prys Morgan, Hugh Clatworthy, Dr Elaine Davey, Wayne David MP, Rhian Diggins, Keith Edwards, Brian James, Judith Jones, Dr Katrina Legg, Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, Revd Dr John Morgan-Guy, Elaine Newman, Annie Owen, Violet Pole, Stephen Roberts, Hilary Thomas, Huw Williams, Nigel Williams.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11 May 2019 and reports of the general meetings held by post and email in 2020 and 2021

These were all accepted as true records; proposed, Professor Madeleine Gray; seconded, Fr Sebastian Jones.

4. Matters arising

None.

5. Secretary's report

The Hon. Secretary, Mr Paul Reynolds, reported that Council had been unable to meet between September 2019 and September 2021 but had now resumed its normal pattern of meetings. A matter of particular concern had been the identification of new officers to replace the present Secretary and Treasurer. Fortunately, enquiries had revealed a member who hoped to be in a position to take over the duties of Secretary in 2023 and the present Secretary had therefore consented make himself available for one further year. Following an appeal by the Chairman another member had offered himself for election as Treasurer.

He reported that the autumn day school had been held on 9 November 2019 at the Heronston Hotel in Bridgend, the theme being the effects of World War I on civil society. It had not been possible to hold the autumn day school in 2020, but it had been held in 2021, on printing and the press in Glamorgan, albeit with a lower attendance than usual. It was hoped to hold this year's day school on 5 November on the subject of 'Plague, fever and epidemics'.

The Society had continued to sponsor the Patricia Moore Memorial Prize. The Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative had continued to promote their annual competition, although since 2019 it had not been possible to hold a prize-giving event as in previous years.

The report was accepted; proposed, Kim Collis; seconded, Chris Jones-Jenkins.

6. Treasurer’s report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mrs Elaine Newman, the Secretary read her report and presented the income and expenditure account for 2021. The Treasurer stated that this was her last report as she had found it necessary to resign for personal reasons. She reported that the Society’s funds were in a healthy condition, although it had been necessary to draw down funds from the Charities Official Investment Fund to cover the costs of *Morgannwg*.

She also stated that the accounts had not been audited since 2019 and that she had been unable to complete the annual return to the Charity Commission through difficulties in accessing the account at the Commission. She had also experienced many difficulties in dealing with Barclays Bank and recommended that the new Treasurer took steps to facilitate on-line banking.

Mr Peter Henry noted that the since the accounts had not been audited they could not be approved. They were therefore received as presented; proposed, Rod Cooper; seconded, Fr Sebastian Jones.

7. Joint Editors’ report

Speaking on behalf of the Joint Editors, Professor Madeleine Gray reported that they had continued to find Swansea Design & Print very satisfactory. She informed members that the editors intended to adopt a revised publication schedule so that each volume of *Morgannwg* appeared within the cover year. Publication within the month of October before the autumn day school was envisaged. This would also improve liaison with Archives and archaeological services to ensure that their reports appeared in a more timely fashion.

She confirmed that several major articles and shorter notes were already to hand for future issues but she would particularly welcome the submission of further short notes. She also hoped that it would be possible to widen the panel of reviewers.

The report was accepted; proposed, Chris Jones-Jenkins; seconded, Stephen Rowson.

8. Election of officers and members of Council

The current officers were re-elected *en bloc* with the exception of the outgoing Treasurer. In her place the Very Revd Fr Sebastian Jones was elected Treasurer.

The nominations made by Council to the vacant positions on Council were all approved, namely Kim Collis, Dr Elaine Davey, Rhian Diggins, Judith Jones, Dr Jean Silvan Evans and Professor John Tucker.

Proposed, Peter Henry; seconded, Professor Madeleine Gray.

9. Nomination of auditor

It was believed that Mrs Jo Howell of Peterston super Ely was willing to continue as the Society’s auditor. Dr Jean Silvan Evans offered to approach her to confirm this. On that understanding Mrs Howell was appointed auditor.

10. Any other business

None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2.45 p.m. Following the annual meeting of the South Wales Record Society Mr Rod Cooper spoke on ‘The diary of a Gower gentleman: Charles Morgan of Llanrhidian’.

Signed as a true record of proceedings

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