

GLAMORGAN HISTORY SOCIETY
CYMDEITHAS HANES MORGANNWG
Registered Charity Number 511498

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held at Glamorgan Archives on 13 May 2023 at 2.00 p.m.

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

1. Chairman's address

The Chairman, Professor Prys Morgan, welcomed members to the meeting. This was the last meeting at which he would act as Chairman of the Society, a role which had meant a great deal to him as a native of Glamorgan. The Secretary was also standing down at this meeting and he expressed his appreciation of his work. The Society was now going through a period of revivification with new officers and new Council members. He concluded with a renewed tribute to the late Professor Gwynedd Pierce, the last survivor of the generation that had established the Glamorgan History Society.

2. Apologies for absence

Joan Andrews, John Curtis, Wayne David MP, Keith Edwards, Geoff Henderson, Brian James, Judith Jones, David Leron, John Morgan-Guy, Annie Owen, Trevor Plenty, Violet Pole, Stephen Roberts, Hilary Thomas, Nigel Williams.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7 May 2022

These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

None.

5. Secretary's report

The Hon. Secretary, Mr Paul Reynolds, noted that this would be his final report as Secretary, a role he had held since 2005, and which he now relinquished with mixed feelings

The past year had been the first since 2019 in which the Society had been able to follow its normal pattern of activity, following the disruption caused by the covid pandemic and consequent periods of lockdown. The annual general meeting had been held in person in 2022 and Council had met on its customary two occasions. The autumn day school on the theme of 'Plague, fever and epidemics' had taken place, although with a lower attendance than had been normal before the pandemic.

Arrangements were well in hand for the 2023 autumn day school to be held on 4 November on 'A world of new ideas: knowledge and Glamorgan in the eighteenth century'. Speakers who had agreed to take part were Paul Frame, Mary-Ann Constantine and Marion Loeffler.

The Society continues to sponsor the Patricia Moore Memorial Prize as part of the Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative. He had represented the Society at the presentation ceremony at St Fagans which had been held as a live event for the first time since 2019. The prize was awarded to Morrision Primary School for a project on the Swansea blitz.

6. Treasurer's report

The Hon Treasurer, the Very Revd Dr Sebastian Jones, presented the statement of income and expenditure for the year 2022. Expenditure during the year had amounted to £4,356 against an income of only £2,942, resulting in a deficit of £1,414. Total assets (current account, business account and Charities Official Investment Fund) amounted to £13,385. Membership stood at 287 (225 personal members, 44 institutions and 18 local history societies). Eight new members had joined during the year as against 10 deaths and resignations.

In view of the failure of income to cover expenditure, and in the light of increases in the cost of printing and postage, the Treasurer recommended an increase in the annual subscription, to take effect from 2024, from £10 to £15. After a brief discussion, mainly on the costs of producing *Morgannwg*, this was put to the meeting:

Proposed, Professor Madeleine Gray; seconded Rhian Diggins. Agreed unanimously.

Dr Jean Silvan Evans asked if the Treasurer would write Mrs Jo Howell to explain that a formal audit of the accounts was no longer required by the Charity Commission and to thank her for her willingness to carry out an audit, had it been necessary. The Treasurer agreed to do so.

7. Editor’s report

Professor Madeleine Gray reported that the 2022 volume of *Morgannwg* had been despatched in January, slightly later than she had intended due to a misunderstanding with the printer and the late arrival of several reports.

She hoped that the 2023 volume would be available by the end of October for distribution to members at the autumn day school. She described the main articles that were to be included along with the usual reviews, reports and shorter notices. Material was already to hand for the 2024 volume.

Pressure of work had made it necessary for Dr Lisa Tallis to resign as joint editor and Professor Gray was now acting as sole editor. She had received several offers of assistance in preparing volumes for publication but would be glad of further offers of help, especially in content editing and in assessing post 17th-century material. She was also anxious to recruit further book reviewers to redress the present imbalance.

8. Election of officers and members of Council

Council nominations for officers and for additional Council members were:

Chairman:	Professor John Tucker
Treasurer:	The Very Revd Dr Sebastian M Jones
Secretary:	Mrs Rhian Diggins
Editor of <i>Morgannwg</i> :	Professor Madeleine Gray

Members of Council (2023–2026): Jeff Childs, Stephen K Jones, Nigel Williams

No further nominations had been received. The above were therefore elected,

Proposed, Kim Collis; seconded, Peter Henry. Agreed unanimously.

9. Any other business

Kim Collis, on behalf of the membership at large, expressed the Society’s appreciation of the contributions to the Society made by the outgoing Chairman and Secretary.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2.45 p.m. Following the annual meeting of the South Wales Record Society Professor Madeleine Gray, Tony Hopkins and Alan Withey spoke on ‘The Commonplace Book of John Gwin of Llangwm (c1615-c1680)’.

Signed as a true record of proceedings

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