

CYMDEITHAS HANES A CHOFNODION MEIRIONNYDD

Cofnodion Cyfarfod o'r Cyngor

a gynhaliwyd ar ddydd Sadwrn, 12 Hydref 2013 yn Neuadd Sefydliad y Merched, Blaenau Ffestiniog.

Presennol: Y Cadeirydd; Yr Is-gadeirydd; Steffan ab Owain, Vivian Parry Williams; Pegi Lloyd-Williams; Neil Evans; Arwyn Lloyd Hughes; Gruffydd Aled Williams; Pamela Michael; Rhian Parry; Rheinallt Llwyd; Colin Thomas; Mrs Hefin Birch; Yr Ysgrifennydd

Ymddiheuriadau: Linda Tomos, Ann Rhydderch, J.Beverley Smith; Hugh G Roberts; Syr Meuric Rees; Dwynwen Roberts; Nan Griffiths; Elwyn Jones

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1. Croeso: Croesawodd y Cadeirydd bawb i'r cyfarfod mewn lleoliad newydd i'r Gymdeithas.

2. Derbyn Cofnodion y Cyngor: Derbyniwyd y Cofnodion fel cofnod cywir o gyfarfod 13 Mawrth 2013.

3. Materion yn Codi: Nid oedd materion nad oeddynt ar yr agenda yn barod yn codi o'r cofnodion.

4. Gohebiaeth: Cyfeiriwyd at y llythyrau canlynol –

i. Mrs Hefin Birch yn diolch.

ii. J Beverley Smith yn nodi ei fod yn ymddiswyddo fel Llywydd ac yn nodi ei ddiolch am y fraint a'i ddymuniadau da i'r Gymdeithas i'r dyfodol. **Penderfynwyd:** Y dylid anfon gair ato i ddiolch iddo am yr holl waith a wnaeth ef a'i wraig ar ein rhan ac i dymuno gwellhad buan iddo.

iii. Leslie Leigh yn ymddiheuro ac yn dymuno'n dda i'r cyfarfod.

iv. Ymddiheuriad gan y Cambrian Archaeological Association nad yw'r Cylchgrawn wedi ei gynnwys yn eu mynegeion dros y blynyddoedd diwethaf, ond eu bod yn cywiro'r sefyllfa ar hyn o bryd.

5. Cyfrifon: Cyflwynodd y Trysorydd ei Adroddiad am y flwyddyn gan nodi mai dim ond am bythefnos o'r cyfnod dan sylw y bu yn y swydd. Diolchodd i John Townsend am ei waith a'i barodrwydd i helpu wrth drosglwyddo'r cyfrifoldeb ac i Peter Jones am ei gymorth yn archwilio'r cyfrifon. Tynnodd y Trysorydd ein sylw at yr adroddiad a baratowyd ganddo ar bapur gan nodi yn benodol:

i. Taliadau Aelodaeth yn ymddangos yn uwch na blynyddoedd blaenorol.

ii. £700 o logau gan fod y Trysorydd blaenorol wedi trosglwyddo o un cyfrif i un arall.

iii. Rhodd Cymorth – dim hawliad wedi ei wneud ers dwy flynedd ond mae'r Swyddogion yn gweithredu ar hyn.

iv. Grant gan CADW – diolchwyd i CADW am yr arian ac i'r Golygydd am ei sicrhau ar gyfer cynhyrchu'r Cylchgrawn.

v. Costau'r Cylchgrawn – penderfynwyd gwahanu'r costau a'r costau postio ac felly fe welir fod costau'r Cylchgrawn yn cyfrif am lai na 50% o incwm y Gymdeithas.

vi. Anawsterau – gan nad oedd swyddogion i lofnodi sieciau am gyfnod mae peth o gostau'r flwyddyn dan sylw wedi trosglwyddo i'r flwyddyn gyfredol.

6. Aelodaeth: Cyfeiriodd yr Ysgrifennydd Aelodaeth yr aelodau at ei hadroddiad yn Adroddiad Blynyddol y Gymdeithas gan nodi yn arbennig –

i. Cyfraniad gwerthfawr Margaret Dunn, fel y cyn-Ysgrifennydd Aelodaeth yn cael mwy o drefn ar y wybodaeth sydd gan y gymdeithas ac am ei pharodrwydd i helpu'r Ysgrifennydd newydd bob amser.

ii. Bod 30 o sefydliadau yn cyfrannu £20 yr un erbyn hyn.

iii. 3 Aelod ychwanegol wedi ymaelodi ers llunio'r adroddiad.

iv. Ffurflenni ar gael i unrhyw un sydd am annog pobl i Ymaelodi gan lenwi'r adran Rhodd Cymorth yn ofalus.

Cwestiwn o'r llawr: gofynnwyd beth yw'r sefyllfa Rhodd Cymorth ar gyfer y bobl sydd wedi ymaelodi ers blynyddoedd, ac atebwyd y bydd yn rhaid cael golwg fanwl ar hyn.

7. Hanes Meirionnydd: Rhoddodd Neil Evans y newyddion diweddaraf am y Gyfrol. Nododd bod rhai bylchau yn dal a phryderon am strwythur y gyfrol ac nad oes llawer o ddatblygiad wedi bod dros y flwyddyn ddiwethaf oherwydd amgylchiadau'r Gymdeithas. Nododd bod Graham Day wedi cytuno i lunio'r Epilog ond nad oes unrhyw un wedi cytuno i lunio'r bennod ar ddiwydiant yn y bedwaredd ganrif ar bymtheg. Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i Neil am ei waith ef a Nia Powell ac i Neil am ei adroddiad.

8. Y Wefan: trafodwyd sut y gallwn symud ymlaen i wella a chynnal y wefan. Nodwyd bod Llyr Edwards o Lanuwchllyn yn barod i wneud y gwaith ond na all wneud dim tan y flwyddyn newydd. Awgrymwyd y gallai Coleg Meirion Dwyfor gynnig gwasanaeth o'r fath a soniwyd hefyd am yr unigolyn a ddatblygodd wefan Falcon Hildred. Awgrymwyd y dylid sefydlu is-bwyllgor i drafod y dewisiadau ac y dylid gofyn y Cyfarfod Blynyddol a fyddai rhywun yn barod i ymgymryd â'r gwaith.

9. Ethol Swyddogion: Cadarnhaodd y cyfarfod y penodiadau canlynol:

Llywydd: Gruffydd Aled Williams; **Is-lywyddion:** E D Evans, I G Jones, Trefor M Owen, Yr Arglwydd Prys Davies, Ann Rhydderch, P R Roberts; **Cadeirydd:** Gerallt W Hughes; **Is-gadeirydd:** Geraint F Roberts; **Ysgrifennydd:** Beryl H Griffiths; **Ysgrifennydd Aelodaeth:** Pamela Michael; **Trysorydd:** Rheinallt G Llwyd; **Archwiliwr:** Peter A Jones; **Golygydd:** Arwyn Lloyd Hughes; **Trefnydd Cyfarfodydd:** Rhian Parry

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10. Y Gweithdy: Atgoffwyd yr aelodau am y gweithdy i'w gynnal yn Llanelltud ar 12 Tachwedd. Nodwyd y bydd Neil Evans a Pamela Michael yn cymryd rhan

11. Y Cylchgrawn: Nodwyd ei fod ar ei ffordd i'r wasg ag y dylai gael ei gyhoeddi erbyn diwedd Tachwedd.

12. Unrhyw Fater Arall:

i. Nodwyd bod rhai o'r swyddogion wedi derbyn gohebiaeth gan Margaret Dunn yn awgrymu sut y dylai'r Gymdeithas symud ymlaen. Diolchodd y Cadeirydd am y llythyr a nodwyd ei gynnwys

ii. Nodwyd bod Gymdeithas Hanes Sir Ddinbych yn cael rhai trafferthion ar hyn o bryd a'n bod yn barod iawn i'w helpu mewn unrhyw fodd.

13. Cloi: Dirwynodd y Cadeirydd y cyfarfod i ben gan ddiolch i bawb am eu cefnogaeth a rhyddineb y trafodaethau.

MERIONETHSHIRE HISTORICAL AND RECORDS SOCIETY

Minutes of the Council Meeting

held on Saturday, 12 October 2013 at the WI Hall, Blaenau Ffestiniog.

Present: The Chairman; The Vice-Chair; Steffan ab Owain, Vivian Parry Williams; Pegi Lloyd-Williams; Neil Evans; Arwyn Lloyd Hughes; Gruffydd Aled Williams; Pamela Michael; Rhian Parry; Rheinallt Llwyd; Colin Thomas; Hefin Birch; Beryl H Griffiths.

Apologies: Linda Tomos, Ann Rhydderch, J Beverley Smith; Hugh G Roberts; Syr Meuric Rees; Dwynwen Roberts; Nan Griffiths; Elwyn Jones

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1. Welcome: The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting in a new location for the Society.

2. Minutes of Council Meeting: The Minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting on 13 March 2013.

3. Matters arising from the minutes: There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not on the agenda.

4. Correspondence: Reference was made to the following letters –

i. A letter of thanks from Mrs Hefin Birch.

ii. A letter from J Beverley Smith expressing his wish to relinquish his position as President and expressing his thanks for the honour of being our President and wishing the Society well for the future.

It was resolved: That we should send him a letter to express our gratitude for all the work undertaken by him on our behalf and wishing him a speedy recovery.

iii. Apology from Leslie Leigh and wishing the meeting well.

iv. Apology from the Cambrian Archaeological Association that the Journal has not been included in their indexes recently, but that they have corrected the issue now.

5. Accounts: The Treasurer presented his Report for the year noting that he had only been in post for a fortnight of the period in question. He thanked John Townsend for his work and his willingness to help to transfer the responsibility and to Peter Jones for his assistance in auditing the accounts. The Treasurer drew the meeting's attention to the report he had prepared drawing particular attention to the following:

i. Membership payments seem to be higher than in previous years

ii. £700 in interest as the previous Treasurer had transferred from one account to one with higher interest.

iii. Gift Aid – no claim has been submitted for two years but the Officers are working on this

iv. CADW Grant – Cadw were thanked for the money and to the Editor for securing the grant towards the publication of the Journal.

v. Costs of the Journal – it was decided to separate the costs from the postage costs and it can be seen that the Journal accounts for less than 50% of the Society's income.

vi. Difficulties – as there were no officers to sign cheques for a period some of the costs relating to the year under review have been transferred to the current year.

6. Membership: The Membership Secretary referred the members to her report in the Society's Annual Report, drawing particular attention to:

i. The valuable contribution of Margaret Dunn, as the former Membership Secretary in gaining a better order on the society's affairs and for her willingness to help the new Secretary at all times.

ii. That 30 Institutions now pay £20 each annually

iii. That there are 3 additional members since the report was written.

iv. That new membership forms were available for anyone wishing to encourage people to join the Society with a section for Gift Aid.

Question from the floor: the situation regarding Gift Aid was queried regarding those members who have been members for years, and that this must be looked at carefully.

7. History of Merioneth: Neil Evans presented the latest information regarding the Volume. He noted that there were some gaps remaining and that there were concerns regarding the structure of the volume and that there has not been much progress over the last year due to the Society's position. He noted that Graham Day had agreed to compile the Epilogue but that no-one has agreed to write the section on industry in the nineteenth century. The Chair thanked both Neil and Nia Powell for their work and Neil for his report.

8. The Website: The development of the website was discussed. It was noted that Llyr Edwards from Llanuwchllyn was willing to develop it but that he is not available until the new year. It was suggested that Coleg Meirion Dwyfor could offer such a service and the individual who developed the Falcon Hildred website was also mentioned. It was suggested that a sub-committee should be established to discuss the options and that the members in the AGM should be asked regarding undertaking the work.

9. Election of Officers: The meeting confirmed the following appointments:

President: Gruffydd Aled Williams; **Vice-presidents:** E D Evans, I G Jones, Trefor M Owen, Lord Prys Davies, Ann Rhydderch, P R Roberts; **Chair:** Gerallt W Hughes; **Vice-Chair:** Geraint F Roberts; **Secretary:** Beryl H Griffiths; **Membership Secretary:** Pamela Michael; **Treasurer:** Rheinallt G Llwyd; **Auditor:** Peter A Jones; **Editor:** Arwyn Lloyd Hughes; **Events Organiser:** Rhian Parry

AREA REPRESENTATIVES: **1. Blaenau Ffestiniog:** Steffan ab Owain, Pegi Lloyd-Williams, V P Williams **2. Penrhyndeudraeth:** Neil Evans, Nan Griffiths, Geraint Lloyd Jones **3 Barmouth:** Peter Thompson, Hugh G Roberts **4. Dolgellau:** Megan Huggins, E Linda Tomos **5. Tywyn:** M H Birch, Sir Meuric Rees **6. Penllyn:** Awel Jones, Mel Williams, Buddug Medi **7 Edeirnion:** Elwyn A Jones, Elena Williams
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10. The Workshop: Members were reminded of the workshop to be held at Llanelltud on 12 November. It was noted that Neil Evans and Pamela Michael will be taking part

11. The Journal: The meeting was informed that it is on its way to the press and it should be published by the end of November.

12. Any Other Business:

i. It was noted that some of the officers had received correspondence from Margaret Dunn with suggestions regarding the way forward for the society. The Chair thanked her for the letter and its contents were noted

ii. The meeting was informed that the Denbighshire Historical Society is having some difficulties at the moment and that we are prepared to help them in any way we can.

13. Close: The Chair drew the meeting to an end thanking everyone for their support and their willingness to contribute.