CYMDEITHAS HANES A CHOFNODION MEIRIONNYDD
Cofnodion Cyfarfod o'r Cyngor
a gynhaliwyd ar ddydd Sadwrn, 11 Hydref 2014 yn Neuadd Llanelltud.

Presennol: Y Cadeirydd; Steffan ab Owain, Vivian Parry Williams; Neil Evans; Arwyn Lloyd Hughes; Gruffydd Aled Williams; Rhian Parry; Rheinallt Llwyd; Colin Thomas; Mrs Hefin Birch; Nan Griffiths; Aled Ellis; Awel Jones; Yr Ysgrifennydd.

Ymddiheuriadau: Dwynwen Roberts, Hugh G Roberts, Rhian Williams, Geraint F Roberts, Pamela Michael, Leslie Derbyshire, Richard Aled Jones, Pegi Lloyd Williams; Elwyn A Jones; Nia Watkin Powell.

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1. Croeso: Croesawodd y Cadeirydd bawb i'r cyfarfod.

2. Derbyn Cofnodion y Cyngor: Derbyniwyd y Cofnodion ar ôl nodi bod angen ychwanegu enw Leslie Derbyshire at restr aelodau'r Cyngor.

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. Ymddiswyddiad Geraint F Robers fel Is-gadeirydd a nodwyd ein diolch iddo am ei wasanaeth clodwiw i'r Gymdeithas. Penderfynodd y cyfarfod y dylid argymell enw Geraint F Roberts fel Is-lywydd.

ii. Llythyr gan Sefydliad Ymchwil Ystadau Cymru yn gwahodd cynrychiolydd i'w cyfarfod ar 13 Tachwedd. Cynigiwyd enw Rhian Parry.

5. Cyfrifon: Cyflwynodd y Trysorydd ei Adroddiad am y flwyddyn gan ddiolch i'r aelodau am eu ffyddlondeb ac yn arbennig i'r rhai sy'n talu trwy'r banc. Rhoddodd grynhoad o'r flwyddyn trwy ddweud ein bod wedi gweld lleihad yn ein hincwm a chynnydd yn ein costau. Nododd bod patrwm tonnog i'r taliadau aelodaeth ac mae i lawr yr oedd y don eleni. Sylwodd ei bod yn anos i gyrff cyhoeddus dalu tanysgrifiad. Bu'n flwyddyn dda o ran llogau ond maent yn gostwng ar hyn o bryd. Cyfeiriodd at Rodd Cymorth a'r ffaith bod y rheolau wedi tynhau yn ddifrifol ond bod y swyddogion yn dal i weithio ar hyn. Cyfeiriodd at y grant a dderbyniwyd gan CADW a diolchodd i'r corff amdano ac i Arwyn Lloyd Hughes am ei sicrhau. Mae ein costau fel Cymdeithas yn cynyddu ond roedd gwarged bychan dros y flwyddyn ddiwethaf. Cyfeiriodd y Trysorydd at y Grant Loteri a dderbyniwyd i goffau'r Rhyfel Byd Cyntaf. Diolchodd i Peter Jones am archwilio'r cyfrifon.

Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i Rheinallt am ei waith gofalus a manwl

6. Yr Adroddiad Blynyddol: Tynnwyd sylw Aelodau'r Cyngor at yr adroddiad a sylwadau'r Ysgrifennydd Aelodaeth am ôl-ddyledion a'r angen am aelodau newydd. Cyfeiriwyd at adroddiad y Trefnydd Digwyddiadau ac ategodd y Trefnydd at yr adroddiad trwy sôn am ddigwyddiadau fel y Gynhadledd yn Nhan-y-Bwlch a'r gobaith i gyd-weithio â Chasgliad y Werin i gael deunydd am Feirionnydd ar y we. Penderfynwyd argymell i'r Cyfarfod Cyffredinol dderbyn yr adroddiad.

7. Aelodaeth: Yn absenoldeb yr Ysgrifennydd Aelodaeth cyfeiriwyd at ei hadroddiad yn yr Adroddiad Blynyddol a'r angen am aelodau newydd a sicrhau bod sefydliadau yn talu eu tanysgrifiad.

8. Y Cylchgrawn: Adroddodd y Golygydd bod y drydedd set o broflenni wedi eu dychwelyd a bod y Cylchgrawn ar ei ffordd at yr argraffwyr. Nodwyd hefyd bod deunydd mewn llaw at y flwyddyn nesaf. Diolchodd y Golygydd yn fawr i'r holl gyfranwyr a diolchodd y Cadeirydd, yn ei dro, i'r Golygydd am ei waith diflino ar y Cylchgrawn.

9. Digwyddiadau: Rhoddodd y Trefnydd Digwyddiadau grynodeb byr o'r digwyddiadau sydd eisoes ar y gweill a chyfeiriodd at y cyfarfod ar 11 Tachwedd. Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i'r Trefnydd gan nodi ei bod yn argoeli'n dda iawn at y flwyddyn nesaf.

10. Hanes Meirionnydd: Rhoddodd Neil Evans y newyddion diweddaraf am y Gyfrol. Nododd bod Nia Watkin Powell yn ymddiheuro na allai fod yn bresennol ond eu bod wedi cyfarfod. Rhoddodd grynodeb o'r problemau sy'n eu hwynebu fel golygyddion oherwydd na allant ariannu cyfranwyr a bod gan ddarlithwyr flaenoriaethau eraill oherwydd y newid pwyslais yn y Prifysgolion. Cyfeiriodd Neil Evans eu bod yn meddwl erbyn hyn y byddai'n well canolbwyntio ar un gyfrol yn gyntaf ac y byddai'n haws gwireddu hynny. Nododd bod yr holl gyfranwyr at y drydedd gyfrol yn eu lle a rhestrodd nhw fel â ganlyn:

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Diolchwyd i Neil am ei adroddiad gofynnwyd nifer o gwestiynau o'r llawr am ddyddiad cyhoeddi, er enghraifft, a nododd Neil y byddai'n disgwyl derbyn y cyfraniadau yn ystod 2016. Nododd eu bod fel golygyddion angen penderfyniad o ran sut i symud ymlaen. Soniwyd y gellid gwahodd cyfraniadau a gwneud cais i'r Loteri i gael arian at gyhoeddi.

Cynigiwyd y dylid galw cyfarfod o'r is-bwyllgor yn fuan i drafod y materion uchod a chynnig argymhelliad.

11. Y Wefan: Nodwyd bod yr ymddiriedolwyr wedi cael dau bris a'u bod yn argymell y dylid derbyn pris Llyr Edwards o Lanuwchllyn. Penderfynwyd argymell hynny i'r Cyfarfod Cyffredinol.

12. 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, Gerint F Roberts; **Cadeirydd:** Gerallt W Hughes; **Is-gadeirydd:** Swydd Wag; **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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8. AELODAU CYFETHOLEDIG: Nia M W Powell, Dwynwen Roberts, John G Roberts, Colin Thomas, Einion W Thomas, Aled Ellis

13. Unrhyw Fater Arall: Atgoffodd Arwyn Lloyd Hughes yr aelodau bod mynegai i'r Cylchgrawn ar gael ar CD.

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

MERIONETHSHIRE HISTORICAL AND RECORDS SOCIETY

Minutes of the Council Meeting

held on Saturday, 11 October 2014 at Llanelltud Village Hall.

Present: The Chairman; Steffan ab Owain, Vivian Parry Williams; Neil Evans; Arwyn Lloyd Hughes; Gruffydd Aled Williams; Rhian Parry; Rheinallt Llwyd; Colin Thomas; Hefin Birch; Nan Griffiths; Aled Ellis; Awel Jones; Secretary.

Apologies: Dwynwen Roberts, Hugh G Roberts, Rhian Williams, Geraint F Roberts, Pamela Michael, Leslie Derbyshire, Richard Aled Jones, Pegi Lloyd Williams; Elwyn A Jones; Nia Watkin Powell.

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1. Welcome: The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.

2. Minutes of Council Meeting: The Minutes were accepted on condition that the name of Leslie Derbyshire should be added to the list of Council members.

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. The resignation of Geraint F Robers as Vice-Chair, our appreciation of his long and invaluable service to the Society was expressed. It was decided to recommend that Geraint F Roberts should become a Vice-President of the Society.

ii. A letter from the Institute Research of Welsh Estates inviting a representative to their meeting on 13 November. Rhian Parry was proposed.

5. Accounts: Accounts: The Treasurer presented his Report for the year and expressed his appreciation to the members for their loyalty and especially those who pay through direct debit. He summarised the year by saying that there had been a reduction in income and an increase in costs. He referred to the wave-like pattern of subscriptions and that, unfortunately we were seeing the trough this year. He noted that it is more difficult for public bodies to pay subscriptions. It was a good year as regards interest rates but they are being lowered at present. He referred to Gift Aid and that the rules had been tightened severely but that the officers are still working on this. He referred to the grant received from CADW and expressed our gratitude for the grant and to Arwyn Lloyd Hughes for securing it. Our costs as a society are increasing but there was a small surplus over the last year. The Treasurer referred to the Heritage Lottery Grant received to work on the First World War. He thanked Peter Jones for auditing the accounts.
The Chair thanked Rheinallt for his detailed and careful work.

6. The Annual Report: The Council Members' attention was drawn to the report and the Membership Secretary's comments regarding arrears and the need for new members. Reference was made to the Events Organisers' report and the Organiser added to it by mentioning events such as the Conference at Tan-y-Bwlch and the hope that we can co-operate with the People's Collection to upload material about Merioneth onto the web. It was resolved to recommend that the AGM should accept the report.

7. Membership: In the absence of the Membership Secretary reference was made to her report in the Annual Report and the need for new members and to ensure that institutions pay their subscriptions.

8. The Journal: The Editor reported that the third set of proofs had been returned and that the Journal was on its way to the printers. He also stated that material was in hand for next year. The Editor expressed his gratitude to all the contributors and the Chair, in turn, thanked the Editor for his tireless work on the Journal.

9. Events: The Events Organiser gave a summary of the events already lined up for next year and to the meeting on 11 November. The Chair expressed the Society's gratitude to the Organiser for all her work, stating that the prospects for the next year appeared to be very good indeed.

10. History of Merioneth: Neil Evans presented the latest information regarding the Volume. He stated that Nia Watkin Powell apologised that she could not be present but that they had met. He summarised the problems that they face as editors as they cannot fund contributions and that lecturers have other priorities due to the change of emphasis in Univeristies. Neil Evans stated that they now considered it would be better to concentrate on one volume at first and that this would be easier to realise. He stated that all the contributors for the third volume were in plase and listed them as follows:

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The Chair expressed our thanks to Neil for his report and a number of questions were asked from the floor regarding the publication date, for example, Neil noted that he would expect to receive the contributions during 2016. He noted that the editors needed a decision as to how to progress. It was mentioned that contributions could be invited and that a Lottery bid could be created for publication funding.

It was proposed that a meeting of the sub-committee should be called to discuss the matters above and to give their recommendation.

11. The Website: The Trustees had received two quotes for the work and that the recommended that the quote given by Llyr Edwards of Llanuwchllyn should be accepted. It was resolved to recommend this to the AGM.

12. 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; Geraint F Roberts **Chair:** Gerallt W Hughes; **Vice-Chair:** Vacant; **Secretary:** Beryl H Griffiths; **Membership Secretary:** Pamela Michael; **Treasurer:** Rheinallt G Llwyd; **Auditor:** Peter A Jones; **Editor:** Arwyn Lloyd Hughes; **Events Organiser:** Rhian Parry

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Co-opted Members: Nia M W Powell, Dwynwen Roberts, John G Roberts, Colin Thomas, Einion W Thomas, Aled Ellis

13. Any Other Business: Arwyn Lloyd Hughes reminded the members that the index to the Journal is available on CD.

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