

Cymru/Wales Group
18 December 2024, 14:00 – 15:00
 Zoom

AGM Minutes

Present: Cy Griffiths (Chair), Jon Berry (Treasurer), Andy Seaman (OCM), Cara Burton (CifA), Sarah Watkins-Kenney, Ian Brooks, Guy Salkeld, Martin Locock, Judith Doyle, Olivia Husoy-Ciaccia, Rachel Morgan-James, Issica Baron

Agenda Point	Action (Initials)
<p>1. Apologies for absence Jean Yves Robic, Zoe Arthurs, Jennifer Richards</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of last AGM Accepted without changes.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising Nothing further.</p>	
<p>4. Chair’s Welcome and AGM Report Pnawn da, Good afternoon everyone and thank you for joining us.</p> <p>A quick report from me for this year.</p> <p>We have had 3 committee meetings this year and I am very pleased to report that we have two new co-opted committee members who will (hopefully) be formally elected at this AGM. So, a formal welcome to Jennifer Richards and Andy Seaman, although they have been with us for some time now.</p> <p>Unfortunately, our Secretary, Zoe, has taken the tough decision to resign from that role but I understand she may be willing to take on an OCM role?? But, on the positive side I hope that Rachel, one of our former Secretaries, will be able to re-join the group after a short hiatus from her CifA responsibilities and take over the Secretarial reins.</p> <p>My term as Chair is also up and whilst I believe I would be allowed to take on a second term? I do not feel that I have the personal capacity to really make a difference for CifA in Wales. I am sure there are younger and more energetic members who would really benefit from the experience. I would encourage anyone interested to please step forward later in the programme under item 7.</p> <p>Since I am assuming that we won’t have a report from the Secretary, I shall try to cover that here. I can confirm that we currently have 367 members, which is definitely something worth celebrating.</p> <p>Jon, in his secondary role after his treasurer responsibilities, has been regularly attending the Advisory Council and updating us on relevant matters. Via CPAT we had a presence at the national CifA Conference this year and many thanks to Zoe for making that happen. I also made the first step towards engaging with students in Wales by having a joint BAJR and CIFA stand at the Lampeter Careers fair, which</p>	

	<p>was very well attended by young archaeologists despite the sad news of the departments' possible move from Lampeter to the Carmarthen campus. It was delightful to see such enthusiasm and I hope that we can harness this by welcoming them to ClfA in the future. A couple of our members also attended the IHBC Cymru conference where we made contact with their committee and are starting to look at how we might work more closely together to relieve pressures on both their and our committee members, for example with event planning and co-ordination and so on. This is simply an idea at this point, and I am not sure where it will lead. Consultations with members and central will be necessary and forthcoming.</p> <p>In news across Wales, the merger of the Archaeological Trusts into Heneb has meant that its staff have been hugely busy with adjustments to their jobs and the way they work. There is a forthcoming consultation in January with stakeholders regarding the future relationship of RCAHMW and Cadw, although it seems only five mins since the last one! And we have had a rapid turnover of political masters, partly due to the general election and partly due to various reshuffles of government. And of course, from the 4 Nov we now have our very own new bilingual Historic Environment Wales legislation.</p> <p>As such it has been a very busy year for us all and we have been unable to organise our regular events. This is something I would like to concentrate on in the year to come and I would welcome any ideas or volunteers in this regard. I would also like to continue to engage with students across Wales and if anyone has contacts or works in this field or has ideas on how to engage with our future members, we would be very interested in having a chat with you.</p> <p>So, diolch and thank you again for attending and I wish you all a peaceful and relaxing festive break.</p>																			
5.	<p>Secretary's Report Update by Cy in chairs report.</p>																			
6.	<p>Treasurer's Report Very straightforward this year – income & outgoing of £0.</p>																			
7.	<p>Elections to Group Committee and Advisory Council representative Vacancies were discussed and many were elected into roles. Thank you to everyone new and returning who has offered to support the committee work for the next year and beyond.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="255 1635 1252 1971"> <tr> <td>OCM</td> <td>Judith Doyle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OCM</td> <td>Robic, Jean-Yves</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OCM</td> <td>Jennifer Richards</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OCM</td> <td>Andrew Seaman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OCM</td> <td>Guy Salkeld</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OCM</td> <td>Zoe Arthurs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Rachel Morgan-James</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer (Vice chair in time)</td> <td>Cy Griffiths</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>Jon Berry (And AC rep)</td> </tr> </table>	OCM	Judith Doyle	OCM	Robic, Jean-Yves	OCM	Jennifer Richards	OCM	Andrew Seaman	OCM	Guy Salkeld	OCM	Zoe Arthurs	Secretary	Rachel Morgan-James	Treasurer (Vice chair in time)	Cy Griffiths	Chair	Jon Berry (And AC rep)	
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8.	3-Year Plan review Will look to complete in the new year with the new committee members. Template to be shared by CB	ALL
9.	AOB AS – discussed scope to run training events at Cardiff Uni in late May. Venue to potentially utilise. Noted a lack of Finds specialists in Wales – possibility to co-produce a session with the Finds group. SW-K – able to help as needed with a workshop. If committee members are happy to join the WhatsApp group, please pass on your numbers to Jon.	ALL
11.	Date of the next committee meeting, and future events. Committee meetings for 2025 (Thursday PM works for most) 13 March 12 June 11 September 11 December Plus end of May TBC for in person workshop 19 November for AGM	