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## Cambrian Archaeological Association *Cymdeithas Hynafiaethau Cymru*

### MINUTES OF the 166<sup>th</sup> AGM HELD AT THE WOLFSCASTLE HOTEL THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019 AT 6.30 PM.

The Annual General Meeting was opened at 6.30 pm by the President, Professor Nancy Edwards; all those attending, 42 in all, signed the Attendance Register.

1. **Apologies:** were received from Muriel Chamberlain, Jenny and Bill Britnell, Mary Dodd and Professor Gwyn Meirion-Jones.
2. **President's Business:** The President asked members to stand for a minute's silence in memory of those members who had passed away during the year, naming Professor Antony Carr, a former President and Trustee and Revd Michael Coombe, a former secretary and Jenkin Thomas.
3. **Minutes of the 165<sup>th</sup> AGM.** These had been posted on the Association's website and also circulated to all attending the Meeting. Rory O' Farrell proposed acceptance of the Minutes as a true record, seconded by Edward Jenkins.
4. **Chairman's Report.** Dr Sian Rees reported first on the work of the Trustees in their 3 meetings since the last Annual General Meeting at the Hotel Commodore, Llandrindod. In November 2018 7 research grants had been made to Peter Crew for work at Dolgun Blast Furnace, to Margaret Dunn towards more dendrochronological work on old Welsh Houses in North Wales, to Katie Hemer for work on human skeletal material from Ynys Enlli/Bardsey Island, to James Meek and Neil Ludlow for work on finds from Pembroke Castle excavations, to Tim Mighall for radio-carbon dates from environmental material associated with the Bronze Age copper mines in the Ystwyth valley, to Gary Robinson and Joanna Bruck for work at the Frongoch Internment Camp and to Rhiannon Stevens for mass spectrometry work on Neanderthal remains from Coygan Cave. A decision was still pending on the University Blodwen Jerman Prize but it had been a happy coincidence that the Junior Schools prize for 2019 had been won by Wolfscastle Primary School and Dr Rees said that she and all present had enjoyed welcoming the headmistress and pupils to small reception on the previous evening before the Presidential Lecture. Continuing progress was being made on placing digitised and searchable issues of *Archaeologia Cambrensis* from the year 2000 on the Archaeological Data Services site in York, up to the 3 issues before the current volume. She

thanked the Editor, Bill Britnell for undertaking this work in addition to his editorial duties. The revamped Association's website continued to develop and we were now able to communicate with growing numbers of members through emails. She thanked Trustee Rhiannon Comeau for organising the email circulars. She introduced and thanked Genevieve Cain who gave a short address following the Chairman's Report on the CAA's social media presence through Facebook and Twitter.

Turning to the Association's Field Meetings and lectures, she thanked Frances Lynch Llewellyn for organising – and speaking – at a joint Meeting with the Prehistoric Society on 'New Neolithic evidence from Anglesey'. She thanked Heather James for organising the 165<sup>th</sup> Summer Meeting which was held in Llandrindod with a varied programme of visits including a town perambulation – a Hergest Day, courtesy of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Banks, visits to Pilleth and Cascob churches and views of Offa's Dyke, and a day at Hereford cathedral with an archaeological town tour. She thanked Trustee Dr Prys Morgan and Dr Nia Powell for stepping in at short notice to give the Association's Eisteddfod Lecture in Cardiff on 'Morgan Watkin 1878-1970, Lenin a Lloyd George'. Heather James had also organised the Autumn weekend themed on 'The Physicians of Myddfai' and based at The Plough, Rhosmaen with a programme of talks, a small exhibition of books organised by member Mrs Jill Davies, and field visits to Myddfai Church and Carreg Cennen and Dinefwr castles. Dr Rees concluded by thanking Trustees and Officers for all their work and the membership for their continued support of the Association.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer apologised for not being able to attend and her Report was read by the Secretary. The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts had been received and agreed at the Trustees meeting in June and was now before the AGM for approval. It had been posted on the website and copies made available at the start of the Summer Meeting and tabled here at the AGM. The Association's net assets on 31 Dec 2018 were £402,697, a decrease of £9,057 on the previous year due wholly to a fall in the value of our investments. On advice from our accountants Whittingham Riddell, it has been decided not to make the Research fund part of the restricted funds. Members at the AGM had before them a summary 2 page Statement of Financial Activities and Balance sheet taken from the accounts. Rory O'Farrell proposed acceptance of the Accounts seconded by Glyn Hughes. The Treasurer was thanked by the President for all her work.
6. **Editor's Report:** Bill Britnell apologised for not being able to attend the AGM and his Report was read by the Secretary. Volume 168 of *Archaeologia Cambrensis* for 2019 was now in an advanced stage of production and would be circulated to members in the autumn. He had already received and was working on material for vol. 169. Although new procedures were tortuous he had been able to source grant aid for the publication of some articles.
7. **Membership Report:** The membership secretary, Frances Lynch Llewellyn, reported on a total individual membership of 489, only 1 less than the previous year despite 9 deaths, 3 resignations and 6 deletions for non-payment. 14 new members had joined since January and increasingly we are recruiting new members through our website. The corporate membership sadly continues to dwindle and now stands at 98; museums are poor payers and universities want now only to subscribe to electronic journals.

8. **Elections.** The existing Trustees are all willing to stand for re-election there being no resignations and no new proposals. Accordingly the following were all re-elected by show of hands: Jenny Britnell, Bill Britnell, Marie-Thérèse Castay, Muriel Chamberlain, Rhiannon Comeau, Andrew Davidson, Mary Dodd, Toby Driver, Fiona Gale, Heather James, Frances Lynch Llewellyn, Prys Morgan, Brian Newman and Sian Rees.
  
9. **Future Meetings and Events.** Frances Lynch Llewellyn said that there were still places available for the Autumn Meeting 27-29<sup>th</sup> September in South Meirionydd , which will include a visit to Peniarth. Rhiannon Comeau outlined the programme and booking system for the forthcoming joint Day School to be held at Cardiff University in association with The Society for Landscape Studies. 2020 will be a three Meeting year with a new Spring event – a one day conference being organised by Rhiannon Comeau at Cardiff University showcasing research carried out with the aid of CAA Research Grants; it is hoped that this will become a bi-annual event. The Summer Meeting will be in Lincoln, from July 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> and be organised by Nick and Eva Moor. Eva Moore gave a more detailed outline of the programme after dinner on the following evening . At a date yet to be arranged the Autumn Weekend would be based in Cowbridge and cover sites in the Vale of Glamorgan, and was being organised by Sian Rees and Jill Jacobs.
  
10. **Date and Venue of the 167<sup>th</sup> AGM:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Council Chamber, Lincoln Guildhall, 12.30 am.

Heather James, General Secretary, CAA.