

**INSTITUTE OF HISTORIC BUILDING CONSERVATION
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**MINUTES OF THE IHBC WALES BRANCH MEETING HELD ON THE 8 TH
JULY 2008 AT THE CONWAY YACHT CLUB, 43 STATION ROAD, DEGANWY,
CONWY.**

PRESENT: Dave Jump, Gwilym H. Jones , Ron Douglass and Nathan Blanchard.

1. APOLOGIES:

1.1. Apologies were received from , Dewi Williams.

**2.MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS IHBC WALES BRANCH MEETING HELD ON
THE 9TH MAY AT THE INTERNATIONAL PAVILION, ROYAL WELSH SHOW
GROUND, LLANELWEDD, POWYS.**

2.1. The minutes were read and agreed as a true record of the meeting. (*agreed nem con
N.B. proposed and R.D. seconded*)

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING.

3.1. No matters were raised.

4. IHBC / CTfW AUTUMN CONFERENCE.

4.1. N.B. informed the meeting the autumn conference would unfortunately have to be delayed following the announcement by Cadw of their intention to hold a HESS meeting in North Wales. They were concerned that the event held in April in Cardiff had largely been attended by only those in the South. As a result it had been discussed and planned to ask the Minister to attend a further HESS event on the 23rd October at Venue Cymru in Llandudno. It was hoped that if the WAG had prepared the necessary documentation the formal launch of the 12 week consultation in the HESS document would also be announced at the event by the Minister. Following meetings with the Princes Regeneration Trust and the Civic Trust for Wales it was felt that the idea of the proposed two day conference would not work well and would probably have two different audiences. It is now proposed that a different conference be planned with the IHBC / CTfW & The Princes Regeneration Trust. The Princes Regeneration Trust to act as a hook with possible key figure (Griff Rhys Jones) .This conference would be for a much wider audience with a proposed date yet to be agreed. Possibly at the end of this year or the beginning of next year .

**5.BRANCH SUMMER DINNER / CHRISTMAS DINNER /10 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

5.1. This was discussed and it was agreed that the former be coordinated with the CPD visit being planned by GHJ to Parc near Croesor, a registered garden with a number of important listed buildings with a Pub lunch in The Ring in Llanfrothen prior to the Estate Visit.

The Christmas Dinner would probably be at Woods Brasserie in Cardiff Bay also link in with a CPD visit yet to be agreed on Friday 28th November.

6 CPD EVENTS – REPORTS AND FUTURE EVENTS.

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6.1. As discussed and agreed re item 5.1. GHJ will be asking Richard Haslam to give a talk and guided tour of the site to approximately 20 members this summer.

7. BRANCH BUSINESS PLAN – IHBC SUMMER SCHOOL BURSARY

7.1. Both Bursary applicants attended the Summer School at Guildford and were grateful for the opportunity. It was also mentioned they hoped this would become available next year and more students may be encouraged to attend

8. BRANCH PROMOTION – LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION , INSTITUTE OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, WALES CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8.1. N.B. informed the meeting that he had been dealing with this as Kirsty has not been able to deal with it due to other commitments.

8.2. D.J. reported IHBC Wales Branch leaflets had been deposited in his authorities planning reception . What he has observed is people are tending to pick them up read them and put them back.

8.3. D.J. also reported that ICE, Wales Calendar of Events will be distributed to all contributing Institutions at the start of August and IHBC Wales Members will be sent one at the earliest opportunity.

9. CONSERVATION OFFICER MAPPING IN WALES.

9.1. N.B. explained that Fiona in Central Office had devised this project which had been circulated to the membership for feedback. The meeting discussed this before agreeing to respond to the report as soon as they could.

10. HERITAGE PROTECTION BILL

10.1. The meeting discussed the Section on Conservation Areas which had not been circulated formally by Cadw but was available on their website. NB noted that the requirement for all Local Planning Authorities to produce Management Plans, rather than just proposals under current legislation for their Conservation Areas was to be welcomed but there was a potential significant resource implication as a result of the change in emphasis of the wording of the proposed legislation. GHJ expressed concern at the apparent omission of the equivalent of Section 77-80 of the current Act which would have a serious effect on grant schemes within Conservation Areas. NB urged all members to pass their comments on to the Conservation Area section of the HPB to James Caird.

11. IHBC WALES BRANCH OFFICERS REPORTS.

11.1. R.D. reported to the meeting on the current issues with the bank which are now in hand. R.D. confirmed that the current account balance stands at £2,765.87 and when the savings account is open £2000.00 will be transferred over to gain 2.5% interest p.a. R.D. also confirmed the return of signatory forms from the Branch Committee members was not yet complete.

11.2. GHJ had nothing to report other than what he had agreed to undertake re the Summer CPD visit to Croesor.

11.3. N.B. informed the meeting that CTfW is once again calling for entries for the Welsh Local Design Awards but this year IHBC is also sponsoring it.

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This year in addition to the General Awards there are Special Awards.

The Award for new design in an historic context is supported by IHBC.

Forms and guidance notes can be down loaded from www.civictrustwales.org Entries are free and schemes completed in the last 5 years will qualify. The deadline of November 2008 has been set for all submissions.

11.4. D.J. reported that there were still a few problems with up to date e-mail addresses of members. Lydia Porter will no longer be our point of contact in Central Office as Devon DeCelles is dealing with all matters re membership services and has been most helpful.

11.5. D.J. also reported on the copy letter which had been passed to him .

Letter dated 24 06 08 from First Minister for Wales to the Chairman of the Fountain Society.

The First Minister was interested to hear of their scheme and would very much welcome the inclusion of fountains in Wales and would be delighted to see one win an award.

D.J. thought this may well fit in with item 11.3. above.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

12.1. None.

13. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

9th September 2008 at 6.30pm (*please note the slightly earlier time than normal*) in the Conway Yacht Club, 43 Station Road, Deganwy, Conwy.