

**INSTITUTE OF HISTORIC BUILDING CONSERVATION
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CANGEN CYMRU * WALES BRANCH**

**MINUTES OF THE IHBC WALES BRANCH MEETING HELD ON THE 11 TH MARCH
2008 AT THE CONWAY YACHT CLUB, 43 STATION ROAD, DEGANWY, GWYNEDD.**

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

1.APOLOGIES:

1.1.Apologies were received from Arwel Ll, Thomas, John Ellis and Kirsty Henderson.

Those present at the meeting wished to express the very untimely and sad loss to the branch and to built conservation of their friend and fellow member Dave Rigby who passed away suddenly on the 1st February 2008.

**2.MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS IHBC WALES BRANCH MEETING HELD ON THE
8TH JANUARY 2008 AT THE CONWAY YACHT CLUB,43 STATION ROAD, DEGANWY,
GWYNEDD**

2.1.The minutes were read and agreed as a true record of the meeting. (*agreed nem con N.B. proposed and G.H.J. Seconded*)

3.MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

3.1.No matters were raised.

**4.CADW/IHBC/CTfW EVENT UPDATE “ Strategic Historic Environment Statement for
Wales “ (30th April 2008).**

4.1.N.B. tabled a copy of the booking form.

N.B. also informed the meeting that he had e-mailed the branch with a copy of “the Scottish Doc”and it would be helpful for the conference if branch members would e-mail their comments and observations to D.J. no later than the 16th April.

5.THE IHBC WALES BRANCH / CIVIC TRUST FOR WALES AUTUMN CONFERENCE .

5.1.N.B. said he would have a chat with Matthew Griffith with regards to a relevant topic. The meeting discussed what this might be. Listed Building legal matters linked to Development Control – Decission making and Planning Enforcement was put forward.

Disposing of historic assets (by Councils) to BPT’s and the like came a close second.

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

6.1.N.B. agreed to pick up the batten and chase up Dave Rigby’s lead (see last minutes).

7. CPD EVENTS-REPORT AND FUTURE EVENTS.

7.1. G.H.J. reported to the meeting that he had attended the Cardiff Castle Event recently which was very successful. 23 members attended a very well planned and presented event. G.H.J. wished to acknowledge the excellent work by John Edwards and has sent him a thank you e-mail on behalf of the branch.

7.2. D.J. reported to the meeting of a potential CPD visit this summer to Baron Hill the ruinous

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Country House of the Bulkely family in Beaumaris. D.J. explained that he and his Council have been working closely with Sir Richard Williams Bulkely and the developer on a last ditch attempt to save this important historic building for present and future generations.

7.3. G.H.J. informed the meeting that at the end of the Cardiff Castle event he had asked those present to think about further CPD events of interest to them and to feed back their ideas to the branch committee.

8.IHBC WALES BRANCH BUSINESS PLAN 2008- IHBC Summer School Bursary eligibility criteria suggestions etc.

8.1.The meeting discussed the plan and agreed £300 to be allocated for the IHBC Summer School Bursary. There will be 2 places available to concessionary members/ students/ low income members etc. They will need to apply and state why they are deserving as well as what they would glean from participating and how their attendance would benefit the Wales Branch.

9. BRANCH PROMOTION- LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION & I.C.E.WALES ANNUAL CALANDER OF EVENTS.

9.1.D.J. informed the meeting in Kirsty's absence that Felicity White of ICE Wales had been in contact with us by e-mail and they are pleased to inform us of the offer of inclusion in the "Professional Institutes" Calender.

All they need now is our 4 key committee member contact details , our proposed calender of forthcoming events and the fee.

This matter was discussed by the meeting and it was agreed that we go ahead and accept the offer. D.J. agreed to contact Kirsty with the news before informing Felicity White.

10.IHBC WALES BRANCH OFFICER'S REPORTS.

10.1.R.D. reported to the meeting that we now have £2,786.00 in the branch account with some minor expenditure outstanding.

10.2. The meeting discussed the balance and suggested opening a savings account as the current account does not benefit from interest

It was agreed that we should keep £1000.00 float in the current account with the remainder in the savings account.

10.3. G.H.J. informed the meeting that apart from the excellent CPD event in Cardiff he had nothing further to add.

10.4. D.J. raised the continuing problem of changing e-mail addresses by members who do not inform IHBC.

10.5. N.B. reported from the IHBC Council meeting last that IHBC membership has increased to 1686 members, 1289 Full Members, 348 Affiliates, 50 Associates and 83 Wales Branch Members.

11.ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

11.1. Dave Rigby's obituary was discussed and the meeting wished to thank John Ellis/ Dave Birch and Nathan Blanchard for the contribution in pulling a draft together at such short notice.

D.J. agreed that he would take up the batten in finalising it before e-mailing it back to N.B. to pass

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on to the Editor of Context.

11.2. G.H.J. reported that Peter Thompson a mature student had contacted GHJ saying that he would like to be a Wales Branch Member.

12. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

12.1. The next IHBC Wales Branch Meeting will be held at approx' 3.30pm following the BHF at the International Pavilion , Royal Welsh Show Ground, Llanelwedd, Powys on the 9th May 2008.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.