

**INSTITUTE OF HISTORIC BUILDING CONSERVATION
SEFYDLIAD CADWRAETH ADEILADAU HANESYDDOL
CANGEN CYMRU * WALES BRANCH**

**MINUTES OF THE IHBC WALES BRANCH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH
SEPTEMBER 2007 AT VAYNOL HALL , VAYNOL, BANGOR.**

PRESENT: Dave Jump, Gwilym H. Jones, R, Douglass, Arwel Ll Thomas and Nathan Blanchard.

1.APOLOGIES:

1.1. Apologies were received from Neil Sumner.

**2.MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS IHBC WALES BRANCH MEETING HELD ON THE
10TH JULY2007 AT THE VAYNOL HALL, VAYNOL, BANGOR.**

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

3.MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING:

3.1. No matters were raised.

4.THE NEW IHBC WALES BRANCH LEAFLET (Distribution and circulation):

4.1.N.B. reported to the meeting that Peter Badcock @ it IHBC had placed the new IHBC Wales Branch leaflet in PDF format on both the websites (Wales Branch & U.K.)

N.B. also reported that the Peter had omitted the Welsh text from the one on the U.K.site.

4.2. D.J. referred to item 4.1. of the previous minutes “ It was agreed we would provide an amount of leaflets to the Director and the President and all Local Authorities in Wales be asked to place an amount (to be agreed) in their receptions.”

D.J. suggested that the IHBC Wales Branch AGM and the BHF on the 2nd November is the opportunity to try and address this part of the above. N.B. agreed to bring some boxes with him on the visit to Pen yr Orsedd Quarry on the 21 09 07 and to Builth on the 2 11 07.

**5.THE IHBC WALES BRANCH / CIVIC TRUST FOR WALES JOINT CONFERENCE
LAST (Feedback and planning for the next one in 2008):**

5.1. N.B. reported to the meeting that Cadw have been impressed with our conferences and have asked us to work with them and the Civic Trust for Wales to facilitate a conference for the summer of 2008 hopefully in the presence of the Minister.

The proposal was put to the vote. All present were in favour (unanimous)

6.IHBC WALES BRANCH WEBSITE:

6.1.N.B. reported to the meeting that last Friday the new IHBC Website was launched by the President.

**7.IHBC WALES BRANCH BUSINESS PLAN 2007-8 (The means to begin the process of
drafting the plan. Branch objectives and key actions for discussion)**

7.1. The meeting discussed the issue of funding included in the plan in the light of a request for sponsorship. This matter was debated resulting in an outcome. The other matter of an amount in for research and training was also debated resulting in an outcome.

It was agreed by the meeting that we consider entering £1000 for research, £500 for sponsorship

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(subject to conditions) and £300 for training. This last item would be related to the sponsor in order to facilitate attendee(s) to the IHBC Summer School. Rules and regulations on entrants would need to be drawn up.

8. IHBC WALES BRANCH AGM 2ND NOVEMBER 2007 (DISCUSSION)

8.1. The meeting discussed the issue of nominations of officers. It was agreed by the meeting that as there was no requests for new or for any resignations we would leave the matter until it came up in the meeting. GHJ suggested to the meeting that it would be most helpful if copies of officer reports could be sent out with the agenda so members had time to consider them and prepare questions if felt necessary.

8.2. The idea of hosting an annual dinner with guest speaker was raised by N.B. The date thrown in the pot was mid week some time in the spring of 2008. N.B. agreed to look into the possibility and to report back.

9. IHBC WALES BRANCH OFFICER'S REPORTS:

9.1. R.D. reported to the meeting by stating that the branch started the year with £350.00 (approx) We then had the proceeds from the conference £1,275.00 less charges for traveling and expenses. We also had the grant of £1000.00 from IHBC Central Office.

We had the translation for the leaflet £74.00 and extra printing of the leaflets £223.00 which we hope to claim back from IHBC Central Office, basically leaving us with £2,309.00 at present.

9.2. G.H.J. Reported to the meeting that he was not going to be able to attend the IHBC Wales Branch AGM on the 2 11 07 and asked if it was possible for one of the other Committee member to stand in for him in his absence. The meeting raised the issue of the lack of attendance by the Vice Chairman to any of the meetings and N.B. said he would be happy to take on the responsibility for the AGM. This was agreed by the meeting.

9.3. D.J. reported to the meeting that the IHBC Wales Branch visit to Berw Colliery, Pentre Berw, Anglesey in the ownership of R.S.P.B. had gone ahead on the 17 08 07 despite the short notice .

D.J. reported that the views from the top of the scaffolding to the SAM chimney on the site were spectacular .Fantastic for twitchers and conservationists alike.

D.J. also reported to the meeting that it had come to his attention that while Conservation Officers and conservationists generally are normally well aware of the issues of bats in old buildings the same is not the case for swifts. To highlight the concerns the following website should be viewed.

<http://www.londons-swifts.org.uk/index.ttm>

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

9.1. N.B. raised the matter of the proposed awards which was then discussed at some length.

It was agreed that the main award is that of the Civic Trust for Wales and the heritage award is the one by Cadw. Our proposed award could be for a new design in a historic context.

It was unanimously agreed that we would not support the idea of a plaque but would support either a certificate or an alternative. It was also agreed that the judging panel would have to carry out site visits. £500.00 contribution was the agreed sum by the meeting.

9.2. N.B. raised the idea of an IHBC Wales Branch Christmas lunch . Friday the 30th November was suggested. Also the idea of the lunch linked to a CPD visit to the Senedd in Cardiff Bay . These ideas were discussed and N.B. would look into the potential further.

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10. DATE TIME AND VENUE OF THE NEXT IHBC WALES BRANCH MEETING.

10.1. The date and time of the next meeting of the IHBC Wales Branch is the AGM 3.30pm on Friday the 2nd November 2007 in the International Pavilion, The royal Welsh Show Ground, Llanellwedd.