

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

MINUTES OF THE IHBC WALES BRANCH MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH MARCH 2006
AT VAYNOL HALL, VAYNOL ESTATE, BANGOR, GWYNEDD.

PRESENT: Dave Jump, Ron Douglass, Nathan Blanchard, Gwilym H. Jones, Kirsty Martin, Dewi Williams and Sean Wood.

1.APOLOGIES:

1.1.Apologies were received from , Lindsay Cuddy , Alan Richards, John Ellis, Arwel Ll. Thomas and Neil Sumner.

2.MINUTES OF THE IHBC WALES BRANCH MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH JANUARY 2006 AT VAYNOL HALL, VAYNOL ESTATE, BANGOR GWYNEDD.

2.1.The minutes were read and approved as a true record of the meeting bar one or two spelling incorrections. (*agreed nem con G.H.J. proposed and N.B.seconded*).

3.MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING.

3.1.G.H.J.reported to the meeting “As agreed in item 3.1.he had written to Matthew Griffith of the Civic Trust for Wales to thank him and the Trust for their commitment and efforts which had resulted in a very successful Autumn/Winter 2005 joint conference.”

3.2.K.M. Asked N.B. For some clarification about the idea of setting up a link section for the web page raised under item 6.1. N.B. Suggested that hyper links are the answer. This was discussed in some brief detail and K.M. agreed to move things forward into looking at what could be done.

4.THE PROPOSED IHBC WALES BRANCH LEAFLET.

4.1.D.J.reminded the meeting of where they had got too with the proposal. K.M. asked if it would be possible to change some of the text and the layout before we have it published. D.J.& N.B. reminded K.M. and the meeting of the difficulties they had encountered thus far in gaining IHBC Central Office approval for the draft. The English text and layout is in production so all we need to do is obtain a Welsh translation and forward it together with some appropriate Welsh illustrations to Dave Chetwyn and IHBC Central Office will print off the Welsh version for us. G.H.J. said he could assist K.M. in obtaining the translation. G.H.J. to contact K.M. by e-mail. D.J. said we need to include a few Welsh illustrations to give it a Welsh context. K.M. suggested that we could use the illustrations from the building of the month as copyright is already sorted. The meeting was in agreement for K.M. to take this forward and try and have copies ready for distribution at the next conference.

5.THE PROPOSED IHBC WALES BRANCH /CIVIC TRUST WALES BAR CONFERENCE.

5.1.K.M. Reported to the meeting that the above conference had been organised and the topic was Problem buildings, sites or owners? Tackling buildings at risk in Wales. The venue chosen is the National Library of Wales Aberystwyth. A one day conference on between 10am and 4pm on Friday the 14th July 2006.

Some guest speakers had already confirmed and some had yet to do so. The cost per head has been set at £80. and 70 places have been made available.

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D.J. agreed to forward D.W. a copy of the conference flyer for him to forward onto RICS Wales members. K.M. to do likewise with MRTPI.

5.2. The meeting briefly discussed Cadw's decision to decline to participate and agreed that the Wales Branch Chairman be asked to write inviting Alun Pugh AM, Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport to attend. Also K.M. To contact and invite David Lovie our President .

6. IHBC WALES BRANCH WEBPAGE (PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS)

6. K.M. Reported to the meeting that she had received positive feedback and was very grateful to all those who had made the effort to forward information for the building of the month nominations.

D.J. said “ In view of the recognition Wales has now received in leading the way it would be quite useful to publish the number of hits being made on the site.” K.M. said “ we need more of you to forward nominations. So please email me any information that we could consider.”

7. IHBC WALES BRANCH OFFICERS REPORTS.

7.1. R.D. *Branch Treasurer* reported to the meeting “ we now have £1,280.00 remaining in the branch account.”

7.2. D.J. & G.H.J. *Branch Secretary and Branch Chairman* reported on behalf of Neil Sumner *Branch Consultations Secretary* his e-mailed report as follows ; “Since the AGM I have been in e-mail communication with Jean Booker of Cadw regarding the consultation process for the impending White Paper. In order to gain a better understanding of the process Jean had invited me to join a seminar with DCMS in Bristol in January but this was cancelled because DCMS was awaiting an evaluation of its pilots and also the Parliamentary Culture Select Committee had launched an enquiry into the Heritage Protection Review and the White Paper. Apparently the latter has been postponed until July at the earliest. The seminar with Built Heritage Forum members which Jean had proposed for January has also been postponed, probably for the same reason. It was therefore with the intention of discovering the current position that I attended the IHBC's Policy Committee on the 8th March. During the discussions on the HRP and the IHBC's evidence to the parliamentary inquiry, I was astonished to discover that there was a general assumption that the White Paper would have nothing to do with Wales. The IHBC written evidence is in fact extremely good and makes some excellent recommendations, but as things currently stand it has no Welsh dimension to it. Nonetheless I am planning to circulate it to Wales branch members for their observations.

Since the AGM I have also established contact with Karen Holyoake, the IHBC's consultations secretary. The two consultations that I have been invited to comment upon have both been exclusively applicable to England, and I therefore took them no further.

Finally , at the end of the Policy Committee meeting our President David Lovie said he was very keen to visit the Wales branch at an appropriate event in the not-too-distant future. I recall that there was some e-mail discussion about this last November, but it would appear this hasn't been followed up. I mentioned the forthcoming BAR conference and he seemed interested. Perhaps someone can contact him?”

7.3. D.J. *Branch Secretary* reported to the meeting that the next IHBC Wales Branch Meeting was programmed to take place following the BHF 12th May 2006 at approx' 3.30pm in the International Pavilion, The Royal Welsh Show Ground, Llanelwedd, Powys. All IHBC Wales Branch Members will be warmly welcome.

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8.ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

8.1.None.

9.DATE , TIME & VENUE OF NEXT IHBC WALES BRANCH MEETING.

9.1. 12th May 2006 ,Following the BHF approx' 3.30pm ,The International Pavilion, The Royal Welsh Show Ground, Llanelwedd, Powys.