

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

Minutes of the 11th Annual General Meeting of the Wales Branch of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation held on the 2nd November 2007 at the International Pavilion, Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd, Powys.

PRESENT: Dave Jump (Secretary), Nathan Blanchard(Branch Representative and Acting Chairman), Ron Douglass (Treasurer), Kirsty Henderson (Networking/Publicity and Events Officer), Alan Richards. (Education/Training and CPD Officer), Neil Sumner (Consultations Secretary), Trefor Thorpe (Membership Secretary), Lindsay Cuddy, Mark Stephenson, Simon Robert-Shaw, Will Hughes, Jill Fairweather, Edward Holland, Adrian Griffiths, Arwel Ll Thomas, Glyn Jones, Peter Jones- Hughes, Henry Jones-Hughes and Keith Sloan & J.Yeandle, (observers)

1. APOLOGIES :

1.1. Apologies were received from; Paul Cascarini , Elizabeth Hall, Dewi Williams, Sean Wood, Anna Irwin, Lowri Thomas and Gwilym H. Jones (Chairman).

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS IHBC WALES BRANCH AGM HELD ON THE 3rd NOVEMBER 2006 AT THE INTERNATIONAL PAVILION , ROYAL WELSH SHOWGROUND,LLANELWEDD, POWYS. :

2.1. The minutes were read and agreed as a true record of the meeting. (*agreed nem con .N.S. proposed P.J-H. seconded*).

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING:

3.1. None.

4. BRANCH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

(See attached)

5. BRANCH SECRETARY'S REPORT:

(See attached)

6. BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT

(See attached)

7. BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

(See attached)

8. OTHER BRANCH OFFICER'S REPORTS:

8.1. Neil Sumner (Branch Consultations Secretary) reported to the meeting that the main event this year has been the Heritage Protection Review. "I have attended two meetings in London.

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The White Paper was being seen by England and Wales as being different. I suggested that it should be holistic but that it had a Welsh perspective. A unified document. The final few months it was becoming a RIBA / IHBC Doc' then the RICS came in. With some hard effort we managed to join all three together." J.F. asked N.S. "was the information was online"?

N.S. confirmed that D.J. had attended one HEG meeting in Bangor and he had attended two in the south. Marilyn Lewis of Cadw had flattened our enthusiasm for (HESS) Historic Environment Strategic Statement?.

N.S. raised the issue of the Heritage Link for Wales and floated the idea that we should have one in Wales. Marilyn Lewis of Cadw did not respond positively to the idea. N.S. confirmed that a paper would be produced and circulated shortly. It may be able to be launched at the next IHBC Wales Branch/Civic Trust for Wales/ Cadw conference next year.

N.S. reported in respect to general consultations that the IHBC has raised its game.

J.F. raised the need to make an even stronger case by IHBC for the Micro Regeneration Proposals in the light of the current government consultations on the subject.

N.S. suggested please can J.F. provide him with a note.

L.C. Raised the proposal by the WLGA.

8.2. Kirsty Henderson (Branch Networking / Publicity and Events Officer) reported that although she had not been able to attend it, the last IHBC Wales Branch / Civic Trust for Wales Conference had been a success thanks to the very helpful administrative assistance of the CTW and Nathan Blanchard. The sum of funds raised had not yet been fully finalized but was indicated as being approximately £1300 profit each to IHBC and CTW.

8.3. Trefor Thorpe (Membership Secretary) provided the meeting with a sheet (see attached).

T.T. Reported on the steady progress i.e. 7.7% in total and 23% in the last three years.

3 enquiries from BHF members.

N.B. raised the new membership form on the IHBC website. " There is a new affiliate membership form which only requires interested parties names and signatures (plus fee).

8.4. Alan Richards (Branch Education/ Training and CPD Officer) reported that he had not heard any news. N.B. suggested that he speak to head office because a lot was happening.

9. ELECTION OF IHBC WALES BRANCH COMMITTEE OFFICERS.

9.1. N.B. raised the issue that he had stood in for the Chairman in his absence while The Vice Chairman John Ellis had not attended a single meeting or event this year. This matter was discussed by the meeting and it was agreed to appoint a new Vice Chairman. (*agreed nem con. Proposed N.S. seconded D.J.*).

9.2. N.S. (Consultations Secretary) asked the meeting if there were any volunteers to take over from him. As there was not he agreed to continue for the time being.

9.3. N.B. reported to the meeting that the remainder of the Branch Committee members were happy to remain in post. Please can we if we are unanimous have a proposer and a seconder from the meeting.

(*agreed nem con. Proposed E.H. Seconded. A.Ll. T.*).

10. 2006/2007 BRANCH BUSINESS PLAN AND PROPOSALS FOR THE 2007/2008 PLAN.

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10.1.N.B. reported on the four key actions.

Discussions were taking place with CTW & IHBC & Cadw regarding an event in July 2008. (Local Design Awards) were discussed. As was the Development research programme.

The proposed annual IHBC Wales Branch Dinner was raised.

N.B. asked was there any questions re the above? A.R. Confirmed that the proposed trip to Krakow in southern Poland was still on the cards.

N.B. asked the meeting if they were happy now to approve the plan. (*agreed nem con. Proposed K.H. seconded N.S.*).

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

11.1. J.F. asked about the links to the RIBA and MRTPI. In response N.S. tabled the RTPI calendar of events for 2008 which included many other professional institutes bar the IHBC and suggested that we need to make a bid for inclusion for next year's. K.H. agreed to action.

11.2. Lastly but not least the issue of the proposal for Honory Associates was raised.

N.S. agreed to draft out a report before making any recommendations to Council.

11.3. The meeting closed at 4.45pm.