



Registered Charity No. 1059537

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**Minutes of the AGM of the Glamorgan Family History Society held at The Len Evans Centre, Aberkenfig at 2pm on Saturday 24 March 2018.**

**Officers:** Michael Jones (Chairman), Nancy Thomas (Vice Chairman), Jane Jones (Secretary), Nicholas Davey (Treasurer)

**Branch Representatives:** Aberdare & Cynon Valley, David Barnard; Bridgend, Sue Tiller; Cardiff & Vale, Graham Read; Pontypridd & Rhondda (Creighton Sims)

**Trustees present:** Ian Black, Sue Hamer (Website & Journal); Creighton Sims.

1. **Chairman's Welcome:** Prior to the meeting there was a talk from Dr Jonathan Hicks entitled ' Research Your Ancestors in WW1 and WW2'.

2. The main business - the formal AGM - commenced with a warm welcome to the members by the Chairman, Mike Jones

3. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from: Jeff Coleman, Maureen Bullows, Irene Rogers, Christine Thompson, Alan Strong, Margaret Southgate, Peter Stevens, Jean Fowldes, Beth Neilly, Carolyn Jacobs, Jane Jenkins and Stuart Eley.

Present were Trustees and 31 Members.

4. **Minutes of the last AGM (4th March 2017) and Matters Arising:**

4.1 There being no amendments, the minutes were accepted as a true record [Prop: Sue Hamer; Sec: Janet Neilson; passed *nem con*].

4.2 There were no matters arising not dealt with elsewhere.

5. **Minutes of the EGM (2nd October 2017) and Matters Arising:**

The EGM was held during the lunchtime of the FH Fair at Merthyr Leisure Centre, after due notice, with the only business accepted being the election of Officers. This had been requested by the EC to fill posts left vacant at the 2017 AGM or afterwards vacated.

Motion: that the minutes be accepted as a true record.

Prop: Sue Tiller; Sec: Sue Hamer. Passed *nem con*.

**Officers' & Trustees' Reports:** (summaries: see Appendices for full reports)

6. **Chairman's Report - Mike Jones**

MJ reported that he had been elected at the EGM in October 2017. He had been much helped by Nancy Thomas, who was elected Vice Chairman. Beth Neilly had retired from her post as Membership Secretary on her move to Scotland, and Membership matters were now dealt with by the Membership Team. We therefore no longer needed a Membership Secretary.

**7 Secretary's Report - Jane Jones**  
The report was tabled and there were no matters arising.

**8 Treasurer's Report - Nicholas Davey**

- 8.1 ND reported that as from July the Charity Commission had changed rules on auditing of accounts. We now were required to submit an Independent Examiner's Report, not a full Audit.
- 8.2 We are currently making a loss on selling all of our publications. ND proposed raising prices: the details and timing to be settled at the EC.
- 8.3 The Treasurer asked the meeting to approve the Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2017 and they were then approved unanimously (Prop: Rosemary Smith; Sec: Janet Neilson). The approved accounts were then signed by the Chairman.
- 8.4 ND announced his intention of stepping down as Treasurer w.e.f. the next AGM. No volunteer has yet come forward to replace him, and the Society cannot function without a Treasurer formally in place. It would be very helpful to all concerned if ND were shadowed by the incoming postholder.

**9. Membership Report - Nancy Thomas (on behalf of the Membership Team)**

- 9.1 The current membership total is 1331. The team has been working hard to reduce the number of members who have failed to update their payments. However there are still too many who fail to pay the correct amount.

**10 ARC Report**

- 10.1 The ARC appears to be a little quieter recently but there still remains a pressing need for more volunteers.
- 10.2 Digitisation of all documents continues so that they can be put on the Members' section of the website and sold by the Shop.

**11 Projects Report - Nancy Thomas**

Teams at branches have been very active, mainly in transcribing local documents.

**12 Events Report - Jane Jones**

- 12.1 The Society had attended many meetings and fairs in the last year.
- 12.2 The Society needs reasonably fluent Welsh Speakers to represent us at the forthcoming eisteddfod.

**13. Journal Report – Sue Hamer** *Report tabled.*

SH has been concentrating on work on the Website leaving the Journal in the capable hands of Jane Fowlde. Margaret Southgate who has co-ordinated Members' Interests has resigned to concentrate on her GOONS work.

- 14 **Website - Sue Hamer** Over 600 members logged on to explore the new Website during its first week of member access. This created some problems due to the sheer volume of traffic, but the site has now settled. Only a small number of members now have no access to the Site, Emails, the Internet etc.

**15. Branch Reports** (summaries: see Appendices for full reports)

**15.1 Aberdare and - Cynon Valley**

Beth Neilly has retired from her Branch posts following her move out of Wales, and David Barnard is now their Trustee at EC.

**15.2 Bridgend (Nancy Thomas)** Report tabled.

**15.3 Cardiff & Vale (Graham F Read)** Report tabled.

**15.4 Merthyr (Carolyn Jacob )**

In the absence of the Merthyr Branch, their report was read out by Meic Jones. They had agreed to represent the Society at the Gelligaer Fair.

There is still no news about a date for their return to their Ynysfach Engine House Base.

**15.5 Pontypridd and Rhondda.** (Mike Jones) Report tabled.

**15.6 Swansea** (Jeff Coleman) Report was read by Mike Jones in the absence of Jeff Coleman, and tabled.

## **16. Appointment of Auditor**

The current auditor is Catherine Harris of Harris and Co, Cardiff.  
For Harris & Co to continue as the Society Auditors:

Prop: Nick Davey; Carried nem con.

## 17 Election of Officers and Committee Members

Nominations (proposed and seconded in writing) had been received by the Society Secretary for the following Society Officers. It was agreed by the members present that they be elected en bloc.

Chairman	Mike Jones
Vice Chairman	Nancy Thomas
Secretary	Jane Jones
Treasurer	Nick Davey

Committee Members [5] Ian Black, Creighton Sims, Sue Hamer,  
Unfilled vacancies for the Committee can be filled by the EC throughout the year.

They were then elected *nem con*

## 18. Confirmation of Branch Trustees

Because they are trustees of the Society, a registered charity, the branch delegates have to be approved by the Society at the AGM.

The following delegates, having been elected by their branches, were elected to the EC for the year 2018/19;

Aberdare & Cynon Valley:	David Barnard
Bridgend:	Sue Tiller
Cardiff & Vale:	Graham Read
Merthyr:	Carolyn Jacob
Pontypridd & Rhondda:	Mike Jones
Swansea:	Jeff Coleman

The Trustees were then elected *nem con* and reminded to sign their acceptance of Trustee responsibility.

**Date of next Annual General Meeting:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

Subject to Confirmation.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.