

CYMDEITHAS HANES TEULUOEDD
POWYS
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 14th October 2025 via Zoom meeting at 7.30pm.

The Chairman Philip Bufton opened the meeting, 26 people in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from, Jennifer Lewis, Malcome Jones.

2. Minutes of last Annual General

The minutes of the 2024 AGM (Zoom meeting) were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

No matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The society committee and other officers have again continued as normal, with the exception of our long-standing Treasurer Malcolm Jones, who has decided to step down at this AGM. Luckily, we have a replacement in a recent new Member, Neal Bright has volunteered to take up this role, we thank him for this.

Malcom Jones has been a member since April 2002, where he appears with a long list of members interests. He became Society Treasurer in October 2012 on the resignation of Derek Price from Glasbury. This year we have also re-started our Executive meetings at the Hotel Commodore during the good weather and two meetings by zoom during the winter months.

The Cronicl has been ably produced by our Editor Jenny Caines, producing a consistently impressive array of articles within the Cronicl. Also, I want to thank Angela Jones, our Membership Secretary and Facebook facilitator for providing that valuable link between the membership, the society and via social media.

The recording and checking of the Powys burials continues, these are then sent to the Federation for publishing on the FindMyPast site, for which we get a few pence every time a FMP subscriber looks at a page we have created, so next time you are on FMP do a little search for our data. We have recently submitted 13,000 extra burials. Thanks also go to Ursula Griffiths for being the NBI co-ordinator. If you have FMP and would like to help with some checking, contact any of the Executive.

The zoom meetings have now re-started; they will go on each month now until April 2026. People coming on these meetings have been drifting away, so much it will need to be assessed if they are viable anymore.

Taking into consideration the amount of time is taken up in organising and hosting the meetings. What is more of a worry is the costs of hiring speakers, during covid we could get a good speaker for £25-£40 maximum, today the minimum is £75 with some wanting £100 for a hour's talk. If the numbers do not increase, this is going to be unsustainable, especially in this financial situation we are in.

We held another local family history workshop at the Talgarth Library in August, this is planned to be repeated, but we are considering holding this in other locations. We are also attended the West Midlands Family History Show at the Three Counties Showground in Malvern on Saturday 15th March 2025. This will also take place again in March 2026.

5. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer submitted the accounts for the year to the Web Site all members can access these.

The Society is in a healthy if declining financial position with bank balances of £14151.79. A decrease of £2649 during the last year. Income has Decreased by £403 Expenditure has increased by £1680 Total deficit over the year is in the region of £2080.

- 6. Editors report** There is a satisfactory number of articles being submitted, though probably less for Radnorshire than elsewhere. That's surprising as Montgomery is the usual culprit!

I'm always pleased to receive odds and ends like unusual parish record entries, as they are so useful for filling small spaces.

Please keep the contributions coming in, as it adds interest and variety to the journal.

Thanks to all who have recently sent in articles.

7. Appointment / Confirmation of Officers

President Vacant Vice President: Post Vacant

Chairman Philip Bufton

Membership Secretary Angela Jones

Editor Jenny Caines

Projects Co-ordinator Barbara Lloyd

Strays Co-ordinator Heather Bufton

Members Interest Secretary David Morgan

NBI Co-ordinator Ursula Griffiths

Minute Secretary Martin Jones

Web Master Philip Bufton

The Chairman suggested that all officers listed above were elected en-bloc,

Proposed – Angela Jones. Seconded – Chris Andrew

Treasurer -- Neil Bright Proposed Angela Jones, Seconded Barbara Lloyd.

8. Confirmation of Vice Chairman / Group Chairmen

Brecon, Catherine Phillips-Davies. Montgomery, Christine Andrew. Radnor, Mr Keith Williams.

Confirmation of Group Officers

Brecon Sec / Jonathon Philips-Davies Lib / Vacant

Montgomery Sec / Ursula Griffiths Lib / Ann Trow

Radnor Sec / Barbara Gayther Lib / Jennifer Lewis

9. Confirmation of Representatives of other bodies

Beryl Evans, NLW. Catherine Richards, Powys Archives.

10. AOB

Subscription rise, TEXT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We are running at a deficit of £2000 per annum and need to look at our income and expenditure.

Discussion took place on the subscription of £12 which has not been increased for about the last 15 years. It was decided that we need to increase subscriptions, and the fee would be £15 UK subscription and £20 for overseas - with the option of overseas subscription being £15 if Cronicl is downloaded. The new charges will apply at the time of membership renewals in December 2025.

(Once confirmed at this Annual General Meeting)

I have only received one written comment from Mr Steve Roderick which I have responded to him by letter, he is unable or unwilling to come on Zoom.

Postage – This seems to rise every year

Printing of Cronicl – This rises each year as well, this year it is over £3000

Overseas Membership – The cost of printing and sending Cronicls overseas is more than the membership fees.

Room Hire – This year is almost £900 for the group's venues.

Speakers – Both in person and Zoom speakers' fees have risen sharply, the minimum is £75

Website – The costs are about £500 each year.

Constitution SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual membership subscriptions, which shall become due on 1st January of each year, shall be determined by the Executive Committee, subject to confirmation by the relevant Annual General Meeting. Any member who has not paid his subscription within six months of the due date, shall be regarded as having lapsed.

Proposed – Phil Bufton, - Seconded – Marie Sweeney.

12. Date and Venue of 2026 AGM will be 13th October 2026 at 7.30pm via Zoom.