

THE WELSH SOCIETY OF KINGSTON-UPON-HULL
Notes of Annual General Meeting held on 18 May 2012

1. **Present** – 17 members and 12 apologies.
2. **Treasurer's Report and Accounts** - The Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012 had been previously circulated and showed that the Society was in a sound financial position. It was agreed that the Accounts be accepted and approved. The Budget for 2012/13 had also been previously circulated. The Committee recommended that the subscription remain at £15.50 per person for 2012-13 and this was agreed.
3. **Officers** – The following were elected -
 - President – Mark Morgan
 - Chairman – Nesta Merrells
 - Vice Chairmen – Nev Jones. Roger Uglow
 - Secretary – Vacant
 - Minute Secretary – Marian Muzaffer
 - Treasurer – John Butler
4. **Other Committee Members** – The following were elected leaving two vacancies
 - Jo Harding, Alwyn Morgan
5. **Appointment of Auditors** –
 - Doreen Evans, Eddie Evans
6. **The Future of the Society**
 - 6.1 The Chairman had written to members asking for their thoughts on what they felt the Society should be doing and received a lot of responses. These had been summarised into a document entitled The Future which had been circulated before the meeting. It was agreed to keep the Christmas Dinner, the St David's Day Dinner and St David's Day Service and to maintain/increase links with the Irish Association and the Scots Society of St Andrew and seek to recruit more members, especially younger ones.
 - 6.2 **Publicity.** It was agreed that more publicity was needed to advertise the St David's Day Dinner and Society meetings. Anne Uglow kindly agreed to organise this. Over the years, several people have expressed an interest in the Welsh Society but do not actually come to meetings. It was suggested that it can be daunting for a new person to come into a strange room and it would be good to offer to pick up prospective members, bring them to a meeting, introduce them and make them feel welcome. Anne and Roger are to follow this up. Members were asked to pass to Roger and Anne the contact details of anyone who might be interested in joining the Society,
 - 6.3 **Number, frequency and timing of meetings.** It was agreed to keep meetings on Friday evenings for the time being although it was noted that some people do not want to come out in the evenings. It was decided to let the Committee decide on the number and frequency of meetings during the year.
 - 6.4 **History of the Welsh Society.** It was noted that the Society had been in this area for 60 years and was part of the history of the area and that the names of all past Officers of the Society are displayed at each St David's Day Dinner. Margaret reported that she had quite a large amount of information about the Society going back many years and felt it could form the basis of a booklet describing the history of the Society. She asked everyone to let her have any old press cuttings, photographs or other such additional items so that they can be scanned. This information would be collated into one document, passed round for members' comments, and perhaps finally published. Everyone agreed that it would be good to preserve this information and the idea was warmly welcomed by all. **Information/memorabilia to be passed by Margaret by September 2012, please.**
- 7 **Venue for Meetings**

7.1 A discussion took place on the venue for future meetings and it was agreed that the Committee be asked to consider the matter further at its next meeting.

8. Welsh Male Voice Choir Concert

8.1 John presented a detailed report setting out the implications of organising a Male Voice Choir Concert. These were discussed and some reservations were expressed about the Society's ability to sell sufficient tickets but it was agreed that the Society agree in principle to organise a concert in 2013 jointly with a local charity. It was agreed that as the budget projections for a low cost (local) choir were only about £200 less than a high cost choir (from Wales), it would be better to have a choir from Wales.

8.2 It was also agreed that a Steering Group be established comprising John Butler, Nev Jones, Alwyn Morgan and possibly one other to plan and organise, reporting progress to the Committee. Members were asked to contact John if they would like to help.

9 Programme of Events 2012/13

9.1 Members were asked for suggestions for consideration by the Committee, which produced the following:

- Antiques
- Small group of singers
- Illustrated talk on the Galapagos by Santiago, a qualified guide
- Possible talk about Russia
- A Six Slide Night - each person to bring six slides/photos of things important to them
- Film evening (2 films were mentioned, plus the illustrated talk, Whittle's Walks)
- Welsh music - illustrated talk by Welshman
- Host the Irish Association (great food!), including harpist
- Ten pin bowling
- Three for the Road
- Rob Robinson has updated his book, Yorkshire's Far Horizons

10 Summer Outing

10.1 Nesta announced that the Summer Outing this year would be a Bring-Your-Own Barbecue at her home at 4 pm on Saturday, 30 June, and extended a warm welcome to members and friends.

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