

WELSH SOCIETY OF HULL & EAST YORKSHIRE
Notes of the Committee Meeting held on 7 April 2014

1 Treasurer's Report

1.1 John explained the figures shown in -

- i) the Budget for 2013/14 compared to Actual Income & Expenditure, and
- ii) the Treasurer's Report to the Annual General Meeting

which had been previously circulated. He noted that the Society was in a sound financial position and that membership was buoyant. He recommended that subscriptions should remain at £15 per person per annum. The information provided in the documents was approved and would be presented to the AGM on 16 May 2014 for approval.

2 Annual General Meeting - 16 May '14

2.1 John indicated that he was willing to act as Treasurer for the coming year. Nev, Roger and Alwyn said that they would be prepared to act as Committee Members for the coming year. Marian confirmed that she wished to take a rest from her duties on the Committee for the foreseeable future. She was asked to provide a short description of the duties of Secretary of the Society to allow other Society members to consider taking on all/part of this role.

2.2 Marian requested that Officers' Reports to the Annual General Meeting should be put in writing before the AGM in time to be circulated to the membership with the agenda for the meeting. This would save time in the meeting as the reports could be 'taken as read'. Officers were requested to provide written reports to Marian by 3 May.

3 Programme 2013-14

3.1 St David's Day Dinner, 1 March - Feedback

This was agreed to have been a very successful event, the venue was lovely and the meal was good. John suggested adding 50 pence per head to the price in future, to be used as a tip for the staff. This was agreed.

3.2 St David's Day Service, Cottingham Road Baptist Church, 2 March - Feedback

Members had been made to feel very welcome at this lovely service and Society ladies who attended had been presented with daffodils to take home. Thanks were noted to those who kindly provided Welsh Cakes for after the service.

3.3 Summer Event at Rowley, Thursday, 12 June

Nesta reported that Jo had booked Thursday, 12 June '14 at Rowley for Croquet and Afternoon Tea. Jean McAdam had suggested that her brother, a croquet

'aficionado', might be prepared to attend the event and advise members how to play the game.

3.4 Llangollen Trip, 12/13 July

Marian reported that pick-up points would be Drifffield, Beverley, Humber Bridge Car Park in Ferriby Road, Hessle, Elloughton EYMS Depot and North Cave (War Memorial). Details of pick-up points and approximate times would be notified in the near future. Those going on this trip would also be sent the menu for lunch on Saturday 12 July so that they could pre-book their chosen meal (eg quiches, jacket potatoes, salads, sandwiches). The lunch provider was anticipating a large number of customers that day and pre-booking meals would enable him to provide a much quicker service. It was agreed that the itinerary on 13 July should include a visit to Chester.

4 Choir Concert

4.1 Hull, City of Culture 2017 - John reported that the momentum was building for this in Hull. No action was required from the Society at this stage.

4.2 Côr Y Penrhyn had indicated that they would be interested in principle in coming to us again in 2017 and had offered the two weekends either side of St David's Day 2017. No commitment has been made.

4.3 Onllwyn Male Voice Choir from Dulais Valley, near Neath, had approached the Society offering to give a concert for us in October 2014. John had replied that this year was too soon for us but that we would be happy to consider having them in 2017. They have confirmed that they would like to do one evening concert plus perhaps something during the day if there were worthwhile causes/organisations that would like them to perform for them. No commitment has been made.

4.4 Roger noted that in 2017 venues would be very busy and it may be difficult to book the chosen accommodation. It was agreed that reservations should be made and noted to Hull, City of Culture 2017 office as soon as possible. John pointed out that we would need to know what other events were being planned so as to avoid conflicting dates.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Programme 2014-15 - Suggestions

a) Roger said he felt that the Society would benefit from more interactive events where people could socialise together, rather than simply having a presentation from a speaker and this was agreed. He suggested, for example, a Noson Lawen. Alwyn said it would be good to establish contact with Welsh students at the University and giving them a challenge (and perhaps a small budget) to work towards producing a Noson Lawen with the Welsh Society, eg harpists, singers, jokes, poems. Roger indicated that it was extremely

difficult even to get into the University these days as security was so tight. There was currently no student Welsh Society. Alwyn reported that there was a choir in Anglesey which specialised in encouraging audience participation.

- b) Treasure Hunt on Foot
- c) Boat ride on the River Humber from South Ferriby
- d) Visits to nature reserves
- e) When I was younger - Discussion
- f) Overseas people to tell us about their country of origin, eg lady in IECS (University) who might speak about Venice.

6. **Date of Next Meeting** – to be arranged