

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

**MINUTES OF THE IHBC WALES BRANCH MEETING HELD ON THE 22<sup>nd</sup>  
MAY 2009 AT THE INTERNATIONAL PAVILION , ROYAL WELSH SHOW  
GROUND , LLANELWEDD , POWYS.**

**PRESENT:** Dave Jump, Ron Douglass, Christopher Neil Maylau, Arwel Llewelyn Thomas, Mark Stephenson, Lindsay Cuddy, Trefor Thorpe, Richard S. Dean, Peter White and Peter Jones-Hughes.

**1.APOLOGIES**

1.1. Apologies were received from Nathan Blanchard, Tracy Chapman, Dewi Williams, Glyn Jones, Lowri Thomas, Gary Cooper, Neil Sumner, Gill Fairweather, Kirsty Henderson, Simon Robertshaw and John Edwards.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS IHBC WALES BRANCH MEETING HELD  
ON THE 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009 AT St GEORGE'S HOTEL, THE PARADE,  
LLANDUDNO.**

2.1. The minutes were read and agreed as a true record of the meeting (*agreed nem con R.S.D. proposed T.T. seconded*).

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

3.1. R.S.D. put it to the meeting that he would contact Alan Richards to give him one last chance but failing this his committee position would be up for grabs at the next meeting.  
3.2. R.S.D. informed the meeting that item 7. of the last meeting was not really a matter for the branch and in future the agenda will only include IHBC Wales Branch Business.

**4. CARDIFF COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 2009**

4.1. R.S.D. informed the meeting and provided a printed programme of this event in draft. R.S.D. said the castle and the hotel are now booked by IHBC central office.  
R.S.D. confirmed that Sean O'Riley will be the chairman for the day and the conference will make a strong economic regeneration argument for conserving old buildings.  
L.C. suggested that a representative of the HLF be invited and possibly be given a slot.  
R.D. asked the question "how many places were needed to break even?" To which R.S.D. replied "approx' 100".  
P.W. raised an issue. Voluntary organisations are not able to provide a presence due to the set cost. P.W. made a plea for dispensation for these organisations.

**5. LLANDUDNO IHBC ANNUAL SCHOOL JUNE 2011**

5.1. The meeting discussed options for the Annual School's location and D.J. suggested that central office may be able to assist in researching the pros and cons of past Annual School's which would help in identifying a suitable location in Wales.

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**6. INCREASING WALES BRANCH MEMBERSHIP (following on from the President's comments at the last meeting)**

6.1. T.T. handed out a membership data sheet showing the steady increase in membership from 2004 – 2009.

T.T. also reported that Tracy Chapman of Torfaen will be leaving and moving back to Essex this month. Tracy has informed central office and asked for a transfer to the London Branch. The Committee wished Tracy all the best for the future and to thank her for her involvement with the Branch.

6.2. T.T. also handed out a list of current affiliate members and asked the meeting “if you know any of them on the list please can you ask them to fill in the full membership forms as they are all now eligible and should be encouraged to move up to full members.”

A discussion took place on the need to map all conservation expertise in Wales.

C.N.M. raised the good idea of tagging on to the Cardiff Council Meeting Conference an IHBC recruitment drive half hour pitch.

**7. ENGAGING WITH THE WIDER SECTOR DIRECTLY (RSAW,RICS WALES,RTPI CYMRU,LI WALES , ECT.**

7.1.R.S.D. said as far as he knew none of the chairs of these get together.

C.N.M. suggested two more , the I.F.A. and (ALGAO) Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers.

R.S.D said he would look into this and try and make contact with these other groups.

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**8. IHBC WALES BRANCH OFFICER'S REPORTS**

8.1. In Lowri's absence R.S.D. reported that the Flat Holm Island CPD trip had been successful and R.D. said he had received an envelope with 10 cheques from Lowri for the event.

8.2. R.D. reported we now have £1,378.00 in the Current Account and £1,006.00 in the Bonus Savings Account and £501.00 in Reserve.

8.3. D.J. informed the meeting that he and Nathan had met up last week in Bangor to inspect the Video Conferencing facilities we are considering for the next meeting. D.J. said both he and Nathan were very impressed with the facilities at Cartrefi Cymru and the prices were reasonable due to the discount given to voluntary organisations.

D.J. provided R.S.D. with a leaflet of the facilities and R.S.D. said he would make contact with the Cardiff Office end.

**9. WELSH BRANCH IHBC WEBSITE (update) (L.T.)**

9.1. In Lowri's absence R.S.D. reported that it's up to date.

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**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

10.1. The meeting asked if anybody had any ideas for new CPD site visits..

D.J. raised the issue of the problem with the planned Snowdon trip on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009 saying that the 30mins only allowed on the Summit was putting off a number members from going. Having made some checks D.J. said that some members had requested that they were happy to take the train up and walk back down if this gave them longer to view the new building. D.J. informed the meeting that he had discussed this with Dewi Williams and Lowri and had asked Lowri to issue the proposal again to the membership with this additional information.

**11. DATE , TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

11.1. The meeting closed at 17.05 .

11.2. The next meeting will be 4pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2009 and will be held at two venues In Bangor and Cardiff (Video conferencing).

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