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## **IHBC WALES BRANCH MEETING HELD AT St FAGANS NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM, CARDIFF AT APPROX' 1.30 PM ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2012**

**In Attendance:** Ron Douglass, Dave Jump, Nathan Blanchard, Sue Tomlinson, Alan Richards, Tina Lloyd, John Edwards, Neil Maylan, Janet Wilding, Richard S. Dean, and Lindsay Cuddy.

### **1. Apologies.**

1.1. Apologies were received from Clair L. Deacon, Rory Wilson, Edward Holland, Elinor Gray-Williams, Trefore Thorpe, Dewi Williams and Steve Isaac.

### **2. Minutes of the IHBC Wales Branch Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011 via video conferencing between Cardiff and Bangor.**

2.1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and AR informed the meeting of a correction to the spelling of Portmeirion under item 8.2. The remainder was agreed as being a true record of the meeting. (Proposed RSD seconded DJ).

### **3. Matters arising from the above meeting.**

3.1. RSD confirmed that the respective Chair's of the Professional Institutes in Wales have agreed to get together hopefully at the end of the month or shortly after.

#### **[action RSD]**

3.2. RSD reported under item 4. of the last minutes that two important documents have been produced and raised. They are; (a) The Minister's Statement and (b) The Welsh Historic Environment Review.

These can be down loaded from the website and are well worth reading.

3.3. NB reported on the progress of the Capacity Survey and informed the meeting even though Fiona had been ill for a few weeks the initial report would be with Cadw for mid March. NB reported that there were no surprises from the collective data for Wales, which slightly contradicts the collective data for England.

3.4. RD under previous item 8.2. reported that all the signatures collected manually for the purpose of authorisation for on line banking had been a waste of time as the bank are now requesting the application be made on line. DJ informed that he can provide his signature electronically. RD to arrange meeting with the bank manager. **[action RD]**

3.5. LC and RSD raised the matter discussed under item 8.3. last and agreed that RSD will send out a guidance note by email with respect to branch affiliate mentoring and development of applications for full membership.

#### **4. Feedback following the Wales Branch AGM 2011.**

4.1. RSD and DJ informed the meeting that all committee posts bar the Consultation Officer had been filled. The meeting was told that it had been agreed for now all appointed committee officers would contribute to this area of work.

NB informed that due to the vast amount of policy changes and adjustments taking place at the moment the workload for volunteers was extremely difficult and some important changes had been ratified already without our desired level of input.

#### **5. Heritage Bill for Wales- Branch responses & joint working.**



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5.1. The IHBC are being asked for two representatives to contribute to each of the planned sector based workshops. It was hoped that each one would be specific. More to come out by email in due course.

5.2. RSD spoke about the workshop he had attended. He said the group were asked to consider 'where will heritage be in 30 to 40 years time?' This question prompted a discussion by the meeting including issues such as, the advancement in I.T. –the aim of reducing the need for fossil fuels as well as reducing the need to travel.

5.3. RSD confirmed that he would speak to Jenifer Stewart HLF regarding funding.

**[action RSD]**

## **6. IHBC Governance**

6.1. NB reported back from the last IHBC Council meeting. Governance was being questioned and four options were being considered for a way forward. NB said much of the meeting had been spent on reviewing the different options which meant not enough time was left to thrash out the best of the options. NB said that the IHBC system is a much less complicated system than some of the other institutes such as the RTPI's. NB agreed to send out copies of the papers for the branch to consider before the next IHBC Council meeting in a months time. **[action NB]**

## **7. Proposed North and South Wales visits/events (update)**

7.1. The meeting firstly wished to give a special thank you to Janet Wilding for facilitating an excellent tour of St Fagans .

7.2. RSD and DJ reported that Clair Deacon had emailed them offering members the chance to visit Llanelly House with Sophie Teague (Architect –ASL) and herself as restoration works are well underway.

7.3. RSD and SD confirmed other options such as Flatholm (again subject to the weather), The Church in Abergavenny and the Tithe Barn. NM confirmed that a monograph of all the works on the church was being produced which would be of real interest.

7.4. DJ reported that Dewi Williams of Dewis had offered a visit to see the work on the conversion of the Town Hall in Llangefni, Anglesey which is now nearing completion.

7.5. NM said he would liaise with ST on looking into a visit to the Hafod Copper Works.

7.6. ST to liaise with Simon Robertshaw who had previously informed of organising an event on Fire Regulations. The meeting suggested Thursday afternoons were possibly the best time in the week. [ **action various**]

## **8. Llandudno IHBC Annual School June 2011 (feedback)**

8.1. NB reported he was trying to get to the final figs and the final settlement from central office. NB has had a meaningful discussion with Sean O'Reilly and anticipates an amicable settlement for the branch very shortly.

## **9. IHBC Wales Branch Officer's Reports**

9.1. RD reported on the state of the bank accounts;

£25.00 in the savings account.

£100.00 in the reserve account.

£ 2,100.00 in the current account.

We have had £2,000.00 on advance for the Annual School which is included in the current account total while awaiting final settlement and



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£1,000.00 is still to draw down and claim as our annual replenishment so all in all we are doing fine.

9.2. JE informed of the Head Skills Summit planned for March. Two Ministers will be speaking and a number of UK representatives to also have a platform.

## **10. AOB**

10.1. RSD to send DJ copy of HEG report for distribution. **[action RSD &DJ]**

**10. Date and time of the next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April at approx' 3.30 pm following the BHF \* [action DJ] in the International Pavilion, Royal Welsh Show Ground, Llanelwedd, Powys.**

*(\* Note that the meeting will take place immediately following the end of the Built Heritage Forum (a biannual conference organized by Cadw for local authority conservation officers) being held earlier in the Pavilion. The start time for the meeting is therefore approximate but will not be before the time stated).*