

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

The 114th Annual General Meeting of the Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society was held at Carreg Cennen Castle, on Saturday 27th April at 2.00 pm with the President Revd J. Towyn Jones in the chair and 31 members present. Apologies were received from seven members, whose names were recorded as per the Constitution. In his welcoming address the President talked of the splendour of the venue. After declaring the meeting open the President asked members to stand in silent tribute in memory of Dr. Leslie Baker-Jones, Mr Paddy Rooney and to those members of the Society who had passed away during the year. The minutes of the previous AGM were read and accepted by the meeting.

The Chairman, Mr. Jeremy John, reported that the Executive Council had agreed to an increase to the annual subscription rates for the Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society ; individual membership from  16.00 to  20.00 and family membership from  18.00 to  25.00, other rates are to be confirmed. The Chairman reported on the year's lectures and field days including the annual Day School 'Hidden History: women of west Wales.' ; the popular annual Welsh lecture, ' Pontarddulais yn grud i greadigrwydd'. given by Dr Donald Treharne and the success of the President's Christmas Lunch at Glyn Hir Golf Club. He thanked all those who had led and organized the year's events.

The Editor Mrs. Heather James and the Editorial Board were thanked and congratulated for their excellent work on the The Carmarthenshire Antiquary. Members were reminded of the Society's Research Grant and those interested were urged to apply. The Chairman thanked the Executive Council for its support throughout the year; he thanked the Vice Chairman, Mr. Eurig Davies for deputising in his absence and he thanked the Treasurer and Secretary for their assistance. The Treasurer's and Editor's reports were read to the meeting by the Secretary. The Treasurer Mr. Terry Wells submitted the Income & Expenditure Account and Balance. The Treasurer's report was accepted by the meeting. The Hon. Auditor Mr. Malcolm McDonald was thanked for his work.

The Secretary read the Treasurer Mr. Terry Well's letter of resignation to the meeting. Mr. Terry Wells and Mrs. Jill Davies who had resigned from the Council earlier in the year, were both thanked for their contribution to the success of the Society. The Chairman also thanked Mrs Edna Dale-Jones for her many years of service as Membership Secretary, and organising mailings to members. He welcomed the new Treasurer Mr Peter Judge and the new Membership Secretary, Mrs Ruth Judge.

The Election of President and Officers followed

The President was unanimously re-elected for a further year.

The Treasurer Mr Terry Wells had resigned his post as Treasurer and his place on the Executive Council; Mrs. Jill Davies had resigned from the Executive Council. All remaining Officers, and members of the Executive Council were unanimously re-elected for a further year, and Mr Peter Judge was elected to the Executive Council and he was elected as Hon. Treasurer of The Society. The President thanked all members for their support and brought the business to a close at 14:30.

The meeting was followed by a talk given by Mr Trefor Thorpe, retired Chief Architect at CADW, on the question of the preservation and conservation of historical buildings. This was followed by a lively question and answer session. A splendid tea was provided and served by the staff from Carreg Cennen tea rooms.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2019

The Executive Council met at Carmarthen Library on four occasions in, September, November, January and April. At the Annual General Meeting in April, all members of the Executive Committee, apart from Mrs Jill Davies and Mr. Terry Wells, were unanimously re-elected. Mr. Peter Judge was confirmed as a member of the Executive Council and elected to the post of Hon. Treasurer.

The Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society continues to support the Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative. The 2018/9 prize of  200.00 was awarded to Ysgol Pen Boyr, Felindre, for their project on the Welsh woollen Industry 'Gwlad y gwlan' The Society gave  500. to the Pembrey Mountain Trust as a donation towards the cost of reprinting the works of John Nicholson on Burry Port. Members of the Programme sub-committee met frequently to discuss and prepare future events.

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