

Cifa Cymru/Wales AGM

3rd November 2023, 10.00am

Online

Minutes

Present: Rachel Morgan (Secretary), Jon Berry (Treasurer), Calli Rouse, Neil Maylan, Dave Gilbert, Meg Keates,

Agenda Point	Action (Initials)
<p>1. Apologies Jean-Yves Robic, Ashley Batten, Jenny Hall, Cyllene Griffiths (Chair), Kathy Laws, Ian Halfpenny</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting Accepted without changes</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising JB met with CJ and all financial matters now finalised with Cifa</p>	
<p>4. Chair’s Welcome and AGM Report Croeso and welcome - Thank you for attending, to everyone on the committee and to all our members for their hard work over the last year, I’m sorry I can’t be with you all today.</p> <p>This year we have had 6 committee meetings and run the Spring and Autumn workshops. The online Spring workshop was well attended with some good feedback from participants, and I hope this one will be equally successful. We also had a stand at the fantastic Heritage day at Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park, alongside many other national and regional organisations.</p> <p>We have had new committee members who are already making positive impacts for the profession and we are well represented at a UK level: including contributions to the central newsletter and discussions regarding Individual Chartered membership and the Code of Conduct review. We have a representative on the Advisory Council and are making links with the new Heritage Crime initiative.</p> <p>Unfortunately, some of our committee members have reached the end of their terms and I would personally like to thank Rachel, Calli and Ashley for all their hard work and</p>	

	<p>dedication. It has been a pleasure working with you all.</p> <p>As such, we have some spaces on the committee and since I am not there to strongly encourage you to join us, I shall leave that in my fellow committee members capable hands - but rest assured you would be made very welcome.</p> <p>We look forward to having more events next year, starting with a CPD event in February and particularly hope to reach out to students across Wales. If anyone would like to assist us with this endeavour, we would welcome you coming onboard.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>Committee members 2022-23:</p> <p>Cyllene Griffiths (Chair), Jonathan Berry (Treasurer), Calli Rouse, Ashley Batten, Rachel Morgan (Secretary), Jean-Yves Robic, Zoe Arthurs.</p> <p>The group have maintained our activities online this year in part due to popularity with the membership after a brief poll on Facebook (please follow us here or other social media if you don't already to keep up to date with the latest activities). The spring workshop this year focussed on Heritage Impact Assessments, Desk-based Assessments and Setting, with speakers from Cadw and Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority, and we well attended with some good feedback from participants,. We have also had a presence at the recent Heritage Days at Brecon and Newtown hosted by BBNPA and CPAT.</p> <p>The autumn workshop after this AGM focusses on Cadw guardianship projects. This will consist of talks from Ian Millar of Salford Archaeology about their work at Caernarfon, and Ian Brooks of EAS about their work at Porth Mawr and Harlech Castle, and Jon Berry of Cadw on their role in the guardianship of monuments and a case study of Caerphilly Castle.</p> <p>The committee has also been working on strategies to increase our engagement with students and early careers archaeologists in Wales and would welcome any input from members who would be interested to be involved.</p>	

	<p>This year three of our committee members are standing down at this AGM, including myself, which means we are in dire need of new ordinary committee members to help keep the group running. It is a really interesting group participate in, and you get to experience other aspects of the archaeological and heritage community which you wouldn't necessarily come across in your day-to-day. We meet 3-4 times a year for about an hour usually, and also any involvement counts towards your CPD hours.</p>	
6.	<p>Treasurer's Report All finance now done through Cifa Central. We have asked for a budget of £800 to cover our student engagement strategies and this will contribute to e.g. flyers, banner, tablecloth and any translation costs. Our request was approved in Sept and we're awaiting input from Central about engagement procedures to progress.</p>	
7.	<p>Advisory Council Report JB reports back to the committee after each meeting, and 2-3 held so far this year. The student engagement strategies were developed off the back of these meetings. Our aim is to attend careers fairs, arc-socs and taught heritage modules.</p>	
8.	<p>Elections to Committee OCMs needed. New Secretary needed.</p>	
9.	<p>AOB None</p>	
10.	<p>Date of next AGM and future events AGM 1/11/24 10am Next committee meeting tbc</p>	