

Cymru / Wales IfA Group Committee Meeting Minutes
4th June 2013 RCAHMW Aberystwyth Chairman's Room 10.00am

Chair: Neil Maylan;

Present: John Latham (secretary), Ian Brooks (treasurer), Claudine Gerrard, CS Briggs, Fiona Grant & Mike Green.

1	Apologies George Nash & Kathy Laws	Actions
2	Minutes of meeting on 31st January 2013 "Green to replace Greene" otherwise minutes approved	JL
3	Matters Arising (items not on Agenda) Personal CVs – agreed we should do these as an exemplar and send to JL/Camilla (photo?). There was a query as to whether HLF were properly controlling the archaeology of projects they funded. A suggestion made to contact Bob Bewley, director of HLF who it was suggested might be able to direct the local HLF groups on this matter. Re the Forestry Commission merger – noted that all archaeologists in Wales have concern about the lack of Archaeology in the new merged body (Natural Resources Wales). NM to raise this matter with Peter Hinton.	JL/all NM
4	Reports: Chair/Secretary: The AGM in May – NM was not available to do a report as such at this time but JL had in fact produced a Statement on the Group's activities for TA for period 2012-13. So this matter covered. The writing up of Dayschools was mentioned again. Treasurer: The last Dayschool made a profit of £94.48., there is £1974.75 in the bank account of which £713.82 is Research Agenda funds, so in all the Group is about £1200 in credit.	
5	Group Annual Budget The next annual Group accounts to be produced April 2014.	IB
6	Review of Last Dayschool (17.5.13) Generally thought a success, good mix of topics from the site specific to the more general. Well attended and evident that central IfA publicity helped. CSB queried the quality of some of the presentations, and wondered if there was scope to actually run a future session on this. CSB said he would review this as "notes for speakers...".	CSB
7/8	Future Dayschool and Events this year (and 2014) The next Workshop session was to be a re-run of the Heritage Bill / Future of the Past of last year, following the same format and to present comments to the Minister before the October 2013 deadline. The next actual Dayschool to be on the subject of "Community Archaeology" - not a eulogy but a reasoned look at this often contentious issue from a cynic's perspective. To include a history of community involvement. CG to look into this and find speakers (outreach staff of RCAHMW, Cadw etc). To be the 1 st or 2 nd Friday of November. JL to investigate alternative venues (to the OGI).	JL/CG/ all
9	Equipment Purchases for Dayschools Agreed we would spend some of our funds on a digital projector and possibly	IB

	also a screen - £500 "ok'd" for total spend.	
10	Heritage Workshop (June 2012) & the Heritage Bill – further progress A draft bill being written – topic covered above...	
11	Future meetings on Research Agenda matters Currently on hold – JL will e-mail Jenny Hall	JL
12	Current Committee Status JL will re-do the statement and cc before next meeting (NB that IB needs to resign as treasurer at the AGM 2014).	JL
13	AOB Regarding job losses at NMW – CSB will cc the committee a joint letter from WfA (which he will devise).	CSB
14	Date & Venue of next meeting Chairman's room RCAHMW October 4 th 2013	JL

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