

Cymru / Wales IfA Group Committee Meeting Minutes
25th February 2014 RCAHMW Aberystwyth ground floor room 10.00

Chair: Neil Maylan (apologies for this meeting)

Present: John Latham (secretary), Ian Brooks (treasurer), CS Briggs (Deputising Chair)
 Jenny Hall (RA Chair), Fiona Grant & Kathy Laws

1	Apologies George Nash, Neil Maylan, Mike Green & Claudine Gerrard	Actions
2	Minutes of meeting on 4th October 2013 Ok'd	
3	Matters Arising Nothing not on agenda	
4	Reports: Chair: No report this time Secretary: Nothing specific to report Treasurer: ca £1480 in bank of which £674.74 is Research Agenda funds. The last Dayschool made a profit of £30.83. Noted that Nat West bank wants a review of the account.	IB
5	Review of "Community Archaeology" Dayschool (8.11.13) There were some potential issues <i>re</i> this Dayschool, notably that everyone (inc speakers) brought their own "agenda" along – notably Bill Jones and Paul Belford, whose theoretical approach was notable. However, various very useful points were made, mainly the pitfalls and advantages of CA were discussed at length. Various non-attenders wanted summaries of the papers given (a big ask – JL) but Jenny Hall has asked participants to write up their presentations with CG. <i>Re</i> points made – Digging with amateurs a notably contentious matter for professional archaeologists. Perceived as a useful activity by ill-informed community "leaders". The public at large still imagines that Archaeology is a subject for Amateurs something that is constantly reinforced by CBA and the media and there is still a poor definition of what CA actually is – in all it still needs guidelines.	all
6	Archive Training Days (Tues. May 20th – Aberdulais & Weds. May 21st Blaenau Ffestiniog) Some details and logistics for the two days need finalising and Elizabeth Walker needs to be contacted. We might want to "fill-out" the programme devised by Duncan Browne to make it more specific to a Wales context (EW) and include notable archives in Wales. Charges for Workshops: £15 / £18 including lunch. CG to check projector etc at Aberdulais also whether Duncan going to claim expenses? JL has informed Lianne at IfA that he would manage the bookings but that IfA would flag the sessions and provide access to the flyer on the IfA website.	JL
7	Next WIfA Dayschool & Speakers plus AGM (7th November 2014) A consensus that we run the AGM and Dayschool on same day. A topic needed – Buildings (session to include the IfA Buildings Groups?) and the settings of monuments. NM has possibly spoken to IHBC about this idea. Session to include such as "Group Value", "Aesthetics", "The Impact of Development" etc. Potential for a fair amount of discussion on the impact of existing archaeology and preserving the setting (for example in situations where the actual archaeology has gone). Need to book OGI for 7 th November.	JL/all

8	<p>Meeting of the Research Agenda / Research Framework Steering Group (25th February 2014)</p> <p>The meeting discussed the RA bank account and its committee, how the steering group is constituted. IB wondered how many were coming to this meeting. Nancy Edwards had thought that Cadw should put money into this (the RA). The RA website to continue and those coming wish the process to continue. A question that “we” don’t know how the RA / RF is being used nor how valuable it is perceived. – agreed however that it was a useful process. There is to be a session on the RA / RF at the IfA Glasgow Conference. IB noted that there is still £600 or so in the WIfA account identified as RA funds. There was a mention of the Domain Name and Website and whether this needs a “re-vamp”. Decided to defer any more comment to the next meeting when hopefully NM will be in attendance to discuss future income for the RA and if we should separate the finance form that of the Group.</p>	all
9	<p>A 3 Year Business Plan</p> <p>JL to request a template for this and look at the website for information. If such a plan is produced how do we include the RA issue.</p>	JL
10	<p>Implications of RCAHMW non-Merger</p> <p>Ideas sought on this one and how might IfA be more involved, such as suggesting who might be future commissioners.</p>	
11	<p>Personal CVs / Profiles for TA</p> <p>The idea now is that IfA members send in their own individual profiles for inclusion in TA. JL had done one recently.</p>	all
12	<p>AOB</p> <p>None</p>	
13	<p>Date & Venue of next meeting</p> <p>September 2014</p>	