

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

Chair: Neil Maylan

Present: John Latham (secretary), Ian Brooks (treasurer), CS Briggs & Kathy Laws.

1	Apologies George Nash, Fiona Grant, Mike Green & Claudine Gerrard	Actions
2	Minutes of meeting on 4th June 2013 Minor Typo noted - corrected	JL
3	Matters Arising The Natural Resources Wales issue unresolved. CSB mentioned "Notes to Speakers" – he will re-do this... The Research Agenda – still waiting on a response from Jenny Hall	CSB
4	Reports: Chair: NM mentioned that he went to a meeting with Cadw <i>re</i> the Heritage Bill. Cadw are looking to "second" a planning officer (from one of the Trusts) to sort out responses to planning applications and historic landscape matters. Secretary: Attended and contributed to Elizabeth Walker's recent Archives meeting. Treasurer: £1481.88 in bank of which £774 is Research Agenda funds. Recent major expenditure went on new screen, projector and remote (£459.59)	
5	Review of Heritage Bill Workshop (27.9.13) Somewhat fewer people came to this than actually said they intended to come – notably from the contracting side. However this did not really detract from the usefulness of the session. Tim Howard from IfA made a very useful contribution to the session and able to note down all the responses to the many points made with reference to the document in hand. NB - that we need to present a statement to IfA on the success of this session: "poorly attended but focussed" and with a good output for the process.	JL
6	Next Dayschool: "Community Archaeology" (8.11.13) Speakers so far to include Jenny Hall, Jan Bailey, Richard Lewis and Bill Jones; possibly also John Roberts. NM & CG will deal with the invites by next week. Noted that Oliver Davis' proposed session in Cardiff on the same theme had now been postponed.	NM CG
7	Future Dayschools (ie Archives May 2014) Elizabeth Walker would ideally like two consecutive sessions on this topic (in N & S Wales) to be at Aberdulais Falls and the Glanypwll Workshop (Tanygrisiau). IfA would provide the personnel (Duncan Brown and Helen Parslow) and the idea was to use the same format as at the Birmingham conference. Need to contact EW about this again. Possibly also establish contact formally with IfA's the Archives Group (can be discussed at next committee meeting – JL) A possible session for the November Dayschool (2014) might be on the archaeology of buildings and their settings – this possibly as a follow on from changes to the "Bill". Possible that we could run a joint session with IHBC. One other thing mentioned was the AGM for 2014 – this could be in November along with the dayschool (or a separate event – JL).	JL

8	Speakers for the above, logistics etc The locations for the Archives sessions need confirming. Andrew Davidson was mentioned ie he “agreed to take on the Early Medieval and also probably the IA” (the actual context of this statement needs clarifying – JL).	CG IB
9	Current Committee Status IB (treasurer) needs to stand down at the next AGM.	JL
10	Personal CVs / Profiles Not discussed in any detail	JL
11	AOB Discussed the concept of the “Groups’ 3 year plan” – to discuss at the next meeting. Some debate about non-IfA bodies and how various agencies claim to abide by IfA standards despite not having any, or few members. IB mentioned that the company “ExeGesis” contacted him about setting up some kind of database. The WIfA committee couldn’t see any reason to use this in Wales.	all
12	Date & Venue of next meeting Next meeting January 2014 (tbc) at RCAHMMW., Aberystwyth. Meeting ended 12.25	