

Minutes of the NEUADD DYFI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held on Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 7:30pm

Officers present: **Chairman Mr Des George.**
 Vice Chair David Williams.

Members present: **Sandy Andrews, Dewi Owen, Louis Hyatt,**
 Brian Kelly, Pat Hellen, Megan Reynolds,
 Tony Bowron.

Apologies for absence: **James Bradbury-Willis, Stephen Myatt.**

Also Present: **Beth Edwards, Catrin O’Neill.**

Chair Person's Announcements:

480: The chairman welcomed all present and clarified it was essential to hold the AGM to comply with the constitution and Charity Commission rules but it was also time to cover other important matters.

Minutes of the last AGM:

481: David Williams proposed the minutes were a true record of the last AGM and it was seconded by Tony Bowron. All others were in agreement.

Covering points from the previous AGM, Des explained that Trustees were covered by the existing insurance policy up to £100,000 and it was a good policy.

Des had prepared some of the requested policy statements and these will be distributed shortly.

A marketing lecturer was helping Sandy and Des with the planned survey but just as it was about to be sent out, Covid restrictions came into force and it was decided to postpone circulation until they are lifted.

Tony Bowron raised point 478 regarding strengthening links with the Community Council. Des also mentioned Outward Bound but they are currently in ‘survival mode’ and no progress can be made at present.

Chairpersons Report, including Accounts for the year 2018-2019

482: No questions had been raised about the circulated accounts. A copy has been sent to the Charities Commission. Proposed by Dave Williams and seconded by Dewi Owen. All others were in agreement.

Des explained that little had happened during the lockdown period as the Neuadd had been mothballed except for routine maintenance.

A grant had been received under the lockdown scheme and it had covered normal outgoings without draining the Bank reserves. At present there is £35,000 in the account and this is after £10,000 of loans have been paid back. A further £10,000 remains to be paid back.

Blood donations had taken place during last spring and summer but travelling regulations were restricting the range of the service.

Updating the list of organisations eligible to nominate a representative to stand on the management committee.

483: Catrin O'Neill stated the Community Housing Trust was being set up and may want representation. She, and Katie Morgan would seek advice from Des on best constitution and invited attendees to join a meeting in the following week. Tony Bowron offered his assistance to the Trust. Aberdyfi Tots had also started a user group and was being well attended.

Appointment of up to 8 individuals wishing to stand on the new Management Committee plus up to 3 co-opted members.

484: Currently, Trevor Lumley – Aberdyfi Players, Louis Hyatt – Fire Service and Aberdyfi Players, John Reynolds no longer represents Rotary but will stay on Committee, David Williams, Brian Kelly, Dewi Owen, Megan Reynolds and James Bradbury-Willis – Community Council, Des George, Sandy Andrews, Jan Rajput, Gillian Miranda – Committee members. Steve Myatt is standing down from Committee. Catrin O'Neill will join as a Community Council representative. Proposed by Dewi Owen, seconded by Megan Reynolds with all others in agreement.

Appointment of Auditor

485: Des stated that Major & Evans had given satisfactory service at a modest price of £600 pa and the Quickbooks system had eliminated the need to transfer paperwork. It was suggested that they continue in the role. Proposed by Sandy Andrews, seconded by Dewi Owen with all in agreement.

Any Other Business

486: Catrin O'Neill queried progress with video cameras. Des explained he had purchased two high definition cameras from his own purse and was working with Terry Loftus to test them. Initial assessment was that they worked extremely well. The intention being to use them for live streaming events or conferences at the Neuadd.

Ron Thomas is currently carrying out the 10 yearly electrical checks.

The heat pumping system had recently been serviced.

Some small leaks have started to appear in the roof and a specialist will be called up to investigate.

Des explained the roof is 21 years old and has a life expectancy of 27 years so it was time to look at ways to safeguard it.

Megan Reynolds raised the point of failing batteries in the defibrillators around the village, including the one outside the main doors. The matter had been reported to Welsh Hearts who were in turn contacting the manufacturer for advice.

487: The AGM was closed at 7.55.

NEUADD DYFI COMMITTEE MEETING Held on Tuesday 26th January 2021 following the AGM.

488: All were prepared to continue in their present posts.

489: Dewi Owen pointed out there was little prospect of things returning to normality soon and even after lifting of restrictions there would be public confidence problems. Des was about to join a seminar about the reopening of village halls which should provide useful information on the matter. Tony Bowron requested that a 'bullet point' summary of the conference was circulated to Committee afterwards.

Sandy Andrews asked of contingency plans if Des became incapacitated. The handbook will be updated.

David Williams thanked Des for all the work he had done over the past year.

490: There was no other business and the Meeting was closed at 8.30 pm.