

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Neuadd Dyfi **held on Wednesday 23rd February 2022**

Officers present: Des George Chair
David Williams Vice-Chair

Members present: Sandy Andrews
Brian Kelly
Trevor Lumley
Catrin O'Neill
Dewi Owen
Jan Rajput
Megan Reynolds
John Reynolds

Public present: Beth Edwards
Paul Edwards
Pat Hellen

Agenda Item 1: Apologies for absence

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Tony Bowron, Louis Hiatt, Gilliam Miranda

Agenda Item 2: To approve the minutes of the 2020 AGM (held in January 2021)

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Proposed: Brian Kelly **Seconded:** Megan Reynolds
Unanimously approved

Agenda Item 3: To approve the accounts for year 2020 – 2021

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Proposed: David Williams **Seconded:** Dewi Owen
Unanimously approved

Agenda Item 4: Chair's report

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Update Since year end April 2021 to February 2022

The Neuadd Dyfi has been responding to the opportunities and restrictions under the Covid regulations. Some activities have been able to restart whereas others have been waiting for regulations and confidence to allow.

Notable activities and events are such as the following

- Aberdyfi Art Society Summer Exhibition
- Two performances of Café de Paris a socially distanced Cabaret with wine, cheese and Zafirro duo
- A village family wedding
- Snowdonia National Park 70th Birthday Party.
- Young Farmers Eisteddfod
- Aberdyfi Tots Sessions

- Dance Fit Sessions
- Art Society bimonthly meetings
- Various new initiatives such as the Drop-in Centre and Aberdyfi Tots
All required careful understanding and implementation of the changing Covid rules through risk assessment and mitigation measures. We can only assume these worked as no incidents were reported.

One of the big organisations that is missing are the Aberdyfi Players. This is probably one of the hardest to restart due to the large number of participants of all ages working so closely together. We are hopeful that a show will be put on in 2023
In an effort to look to the future and create a responsive community resource, the Neuadd Dyfi supported and initiated the following:

- Developing the Community Needs Survey which looked at the issues in our community. Now complete it is a very useful document.
- Developed the IT infrastructure within the hall by installing a Cat6 network with some financial help from the CAMBRIAN RAILWAY PARTNERSHIP AWARD to help buy Live streaming equipment. This was used with great effect for the Young Farmers Eisteddfod.
- With the objective of developing a more attractive and functional garden area, we have, with the help of grants from village funds and Snowdonia National Park commissioned a blacksmith to fabricate a set of two arched gates illustrating some of the history of Aberdyfi and the Hall. The cost for this is £10K completely covered by grants. These should be installed late spring
- Working to maintain the structure of the building. Electrical installations are being upgraded.
- Our roof is nearing the end of its useful life. The intention is to over clad the roof and increase our Photo Voltaic capability. In December we submitted an expression of interest to Welsh Governments Community Facilities Fund. This was rewarded with an invitation to submit a full application. With advice from architects, quantity surveyors, and structural engineers a plan has been put together. This could cost up to £300k and a grant of £250k has been requested. The outcome of this should be known in April 2022
- Looking to develop one of the findings of the Community Needs survey we are keen to explore further the plan of flattening the floor and installing a retractable seating system. This with a new lobby area on the side of the building would massively enhance our capability.

As of 20th February 2022 we have £10,772 in our current account and £32767 in our deposit account

We have commitments

£5k Gates (£5k deposit paid) Approx. £3k electrical up grade Approx. £1k Heating service

This years hire income of Circa £5K is substantially below 2019 figure of £11.5k but with generous donations we are paying our way.

As we come out of the Covid 19 Pandemic the hall finds itself in a reasonable financial position but with a big challenge to re-find confidence and relevance in a Post Covid world

Agenda Item 5: Update list of organisations eligible to nominate a representative to stand on the Management Committee

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New groups in the village which may want to be represented are the Community Projects group, Aberdyfi Tots, Drop-in Centre, Glee club and Climate & Biodiversity group.

Agenda Item 6: Appointment of up to eight individuals representing local organisations on the Management Committee

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It was agreed that the current individuals are willing to continue.

Proposed: Megan Reynolds

Seconded: David Williams

Agenda Item 7: Appointment of up to six individuals wishing to stand on the Management Committee, plus up to three co-opted members

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It was agreed that the current individuals are willing to continue

Proposed: Megan Reynolds

Seconded: David Williams

Agenda Item 8: Appointment of Auditor

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It was agreed to appoint Major & Evans

Proposed: Brian Kelly

Seconded: Catrin O'Neill

Agenda Item 9: Any other business

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No other business was proposed

The AGM was concluded at 8.15pm

**Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Management
Committee of the Neuadd Dyfi
held on Wednesday 23rd February 2022**

Agenda Item 1: Appointment of Management Committee roles

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The Chair thanked Pat Hellen for all her hard work as secretary over the years.

It was agreed that the roles would be appointed as follows:

Chair: Des George

Vice Chair: David Williams

Secretary: Sandy Andrews

Proposed: Brian Kelly

Seconded: Dewi Owen

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of policies

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It was agreed that some work needs done on the policies not yet adopted before they can be formally adopted by the committee. Brian Kelly offered to work with Des on this.

Action: Brian and Des to edit policies

Action: Adoption of policies to be put on Agenda for next meeting

Agenda Item 3: Any other business

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David Williams thanked Des for all the effort he has put into running and maintaining the hall. He also thanked Brian Kelly for his work on the CCTV system, which will help keep the hall more secure.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.