

**THE OLD DY'VORIANS ASSOCIATION**  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014 AT 7-00 PM  
AT SWANSEA METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY, DYNEVOR CAMPUS.

1. **In Attendance:** D I Mort; D Dickinson; S P Way; P Samuel; J Humphreys; W George; K Sharpe; E C McCarthy; K D Evans; J Waygood; P Davies; S Walters; D Sinnett; R Williams; P Stone.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** W Gibbs; W Perrins; N Blows; J S Thomas; K Johns; P Macpherson; P Le Bar.

*In the absence of the President, the Vice President chaired the Meeting.*

**3. Approval of Minutes of the 2013 AGM held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013.**

The Minutes were accepted as a true record of the 2013 AGM.  
*(The Minutes of the 2013 AGM may be found in the Members' Area of the Website.)*

**4. Matters Arising:**

It was agreed that Roger Williams' report dated 25 February 2013 regarding the Dynevor Archive Material handed to the ODA by Alan Smith should be placed with the 2013 AGM Minutes for the record.

**5. Officers' Reports:**

Reports were presented to the Meeting by:-

**a. The Treasurer**

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 are appended to these Minutes.

**The Financial Statements were accepted by the AGM and the Meeting passed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer, Steve Way, and the Auditor, Robert Howells.**

**The Treasurer proposed that the ODA Constitution should be amended to include the requirement for a second signature on the cheques issue by him. This was approved by the AGM and the Secretary undertook to amend the Constitution accordingly.**

b. **The Secretary**

The Secretary's report is appended to these Minutes.

c. **Editor of 'The Old Dy'vorian'**

Jeff Humphreys paid tribute to the work of his predecessor, Peter Macpherson, and reported that there had been a smooth and problem-free transition of the responsibility for editing TOD. He was pleased to tell the Meeting that he was in possession of a good number of contributions for future editions.

There was unanimous agreement in the meeting to the sampling of an online version of TOD on the ODA website.

d. **Membership Secretary**

Ken Sharpe reported that during the year 18 new members had joined the ODA. There had been 5 deaths and 6 resignations and deletions. Total membership stands currently at 629.

**In order to help keep membership records up-to-date, the AGM was asked to approve the suspension of membership in cases where a member's subscription had not been paid for a year. The AGM gave its approval to this.**

**6. Election of Officers:**

**The AGM confirmed the Executive Committee's proposal that the following be elected as Officers of the Association for the year 2014/15:-**

<b>President</b>	<b>Dudley Sinnett</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Selwyn Walters</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Steve Way</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Phill Davies</b>
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	<b>Ken Sharpe</b>
<b>Editor of TOD</b>	<b>Jeff Humphreys</b>
<b>Webmaster</b>	<b>Jeff Humphreys</b>

**7. The AGM confirmed the appointment of Robert Howells as Auditor to the Association.**

**8. 2014 ODA Dinner Update:**

David Dickinson reported that ticket sales for the 2014 Annual Dinner totalled 190, an increase of 10% over 2013.

The Guest speaker this year will be Sir Alan Thomas (Dynevour 1959/61).

**The AGM approved a higher ticket price for non-members attending the Annual Dinner in future years. A surcharge of £7-00 was agreed.**

**9. Golf Day on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014:**

Peter Samuel reported that there have been 28 entries into this year's competition, which is a record turnout.

The inauguration of The Peter Saward Trophy will take place this year.

**10. 2014 Lectures:**

The following lectures have been confirmed:-

30<sup>th</sup> April 2014, **Joint ODA/SMU Lecture:** Sir John Meurig Thomas.  
*'Unpredictability and Chance in Science and Technology.'*

8<sup>th</sup> October 2014, **Annual ODA Lecture:** David Mercer.  
*'A Life in Tennis.'*

**11. Annual Balconiers' Day at St Helens:**

Ken Sharpe confirmed that this event will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> August and the ticket price will be £35-00.

**12. Website Update:**

Keith Evans reported on progress with the ODA Website over the past year:

(i) A service agreement has been entered into with A W Graphics and Design to manage, maintain and develop the site.

(ii) An e-mail facility called 'Mail Chimp' is being investigated to enable easier and more frequent messages to the membership.

(iii) Social media clearly has an important role to play in reaching a younger membership, so it is planned to develop our Facebook presence.

(iv) Our new website has been showing a level of activity almost double that of the old website, but there is still a need to increase the number of 'site users' as distinct from the number of 'hits'.

**13. Digital Archive of School Magazines:**

Roger Williams advised the AGM that the digitization of the School Magazine Archive was underway at Pearl Scan Solutions in Manchester; and Steve Way was pleased to announce to the Meeting that the contributions target of £1,150 to cover the cost had been achieved thanks to the generosity of members who had responded to the appeal made in the January 2014 edition of TOD.

**14. Any Other Business:**

A suggestion was made that the ODA should have a scarf or similar for lady members, in the same way that the gentlemen have the ODA tie. The Committee undertook to look into this.

The Meeting closed at 8-30pm.