

OLD DY'VORIANS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2023
Held on Wednesday, 7th June 2023, at 4-00 pm (BST)
at Dynevor, Lecture Theatre 2 and via ZOOM

Minutes

1. Present: David Taylor (Chair), Hywel Davies, Andrew Clemes, Keith Evans, Phil Stone, Steve Way, Rob Mitchell, Francis Morgan, Peter Samuel, Pam Bashford, John Walters, Tudor Price, Stuart Batcup, Peter Palmer, Anthony Atherton, David Pelta, Dudley Sinnett, Julian Crouch, John Rees, William Holt, John Thomas
2. Apologies for Absence: William Gibbs, Roger Williams, Selwyn Walters, Jeff Vaughan, Noel Blows, Murray Donald, David Davies, Keith Ferguson
3. The Minutes of the 2022 AGM held on 12th May 2022 were accepted.
4. Matters Arising: In response to point 11 of the Minutes of the 2022 AGM
 - a. The 2023 Annual and Joint Lectures will be delivered at a Lecture Theatre in Dynevor, with facilities for members unable to attend in person to join via *Zoom*.
 - b. Editions 37-40 of The Dy'vorian were printed and delivered to the few members who requested copies.
 - c. Dynevor Revisited Facebook page has been used with greater frequency since the last AGM and now has more followers than the number of ODA members, additionally the percentage of females is significantly higher and with many of the younger ex-pupils responding to and sharing posts.
 - d. Two coffee mornings were held at Dynevor Café earlier this year. Whilst the response from non-members is encouraging it has not converted individuals to ODA membership.
5. Officers' Reports for year ending 31/12/2022 can be found on the ODA Website at:
<https://dynevorrevisited.org.uk/agm-documents/>

- **President**
- **Secretary, including updates on Communication, Membership, The Dy'vorian and Annual Dinner**
- **Treasurer**

The Audited Financial Statements and Reports for 31/12/2022 were accepted and thanks given to Steve Way for his work.

No questions were raised on the President's or Committee Officers' Reports.

6. The Association's appreciation to **Mr. Robert Howells** as Auditor is recorded. A motion to request that he continues in this role was passed.
7. The appointment of the following Committee Officers was agreed:
President - Hywel Davies ('67 –'74)
Vice-President – Andrew Clemes ('73 –'78)
Past President - David Taylor ('68 –'02)
Treasurer - Steve Way ('65 –'72)
Secretary - Pam Bashford ('74 –'02)
Membership Secretary - Peter Samuel ('59 – '66)
Communication Co-ordinators: Facebook – Steve Way ('65 –'72); Zoom - Phil Stone ('59 –'66)
Website Administrators – Pam Bashford ('74 –'02) and Phil Stone ('59 –'66)

No other nominations have been received for Officers of the Association.

The appointment of members who have indicated their willingness to serve on the Committee during in the coming year was agreed. This includes: Roger Williams ('58 – '65); Jeff Vaughan ('58 – '63); Rob Mitchell ('72 – '76); John Walters ('61 – '69) and Keith Ferguson ('58 – '63).

The Association's grateful thanks were extended to committee members Francis Morgan Editor of The Dy'vorian and Keith Evans Communications Coordinator (Mailchimp) who are stepping down from the Committee and to Keith Ferguson stepping down as Annual Dinner Organiser. Their time and input to their respective roles have been invaluable to the Committee and Association.

Thanks was also given to David Taylor for his role as President of the Association in 2022-3.

- 8. Your Association needs you!** We are particularly keen to hear from members who are prepared to support the ODA Committee. In particular we are looking for an Acquiring Editor (or Editors) and a Copy Editor for The Dy'vorian magazine, a Communications Coordinator (Mailchimp) and Annual Dinner Organiser to work alongside Jeff Vaughan.

If you wish to know more about the roles please do not hesitate to contact Secretary, Pam Bashford, on pam_bashford@hotmail.com to discuss.

Without members' support we will not be able to sustain the current level of ODA activities.

9. Discussion of ODA Events:

- i. No questions were raised on the review of the 2016 Working Party's Recommendations *The document may be found at <https://dynevorrevisited.org.uk/aqm-documents/>*
- ii. Annual ODA Dinner 2023
It was a highly successful event all round; credit given to those who brought it together. Special thanks extended to Jeff Vaughan and Keith Ferguson.
- iii. Password Protecting The Dy'vorian
Within the next few weeks members will receive an email informing them of a change to the way they access PDF copies of The Dy'vorian. The email will include the common password which will be used by all members.
- iv. ODA Lecture – A blended lecture is being arranged for 9th November, 2023 to be delivered by our own Stuart Batcup on 'Thistleboon House: Why, When and How?' Members will be able to attend in person at Dynevor or online via ZOOM.
- v. Coffee mornings at Dynevor Café have been successful in attracting non-members; attendees transcend year groups. Another coffee morning and pub night at The Wig and Pen are being considered for late summer/early autumn.
- vi. ODA donations have been made to Mixtup, three local primary schools and the President's Awards presented to students at the UWTSD in 2023. These awards go a long way towards achieving the second aim of the ODA's Constitution by furthering education in Swansea.
David Taylor noted he was really impressed by the effect of a comparatively small amount of money on children. It was heartening to see children with diverse abilities working together on the visit to Mixtup. Pam Bashford noted that the planning of this year's Graduate Summer Show, where the President presented one of eleven awards, ensured the ODA had wide exposure. The four recipients of the President's Award have all succeeded in their respective courses whilst managing significant issues in their everyday lives. It was an impressive and heart-warming experience.

10. Any Other Business

i. Questions submitted previously for discussion at the AGM

Mr W Gibbs asked: When were non-Dy'vorians such as wives and daughters first permitted to attend the Annual Dinner?

The key points in response include:

There has been no discussion on this in the medium past; years ago wives of members who had passed away were welcomed, as have wives of current members.

Some people require support in order to attend; we will always be inclusive.

There has never been a decision to prevent non-members attending.

It was quite common in the past that non-Dy'vorians attended e.g. Old 'Gorians. Due to limited space at Rowan Williams' inauguration it was decided that members would be prioritised and this will continue to be the case.

ii. David Taylor expressed his thanks to the committee and its officers for their support during the past year.

The meeting closed at: 4.35 pm (BST)

Date of next meeting TBA