

**DISCOVERING OLD WELSH HOUSES
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD BY ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2024**

The meeting was hosted by Peter Masters. 31 members were present. The meeting was quorate.

1 Welcome by Janice Dale (JD) Chair.

2 Apologies were received from Carys and Tom Biddle, Irene Brightmer, Tom and Hannah David, Zoe Henderson, Gaynor Lowe and Deirdre Waite.

3 Chair's remarks JD explained that DOWH has had a positive year, with membership figures exceeding those of 2023, grant-funded research carried out, Zoom lectures were held and the branch system was generally serving well. Whilst the questionnaire about volunteering and engagement had promoted only limited replies these had given some insight. JD reiterated the need for a volunteer or trustee who can take a lead on engagement and does not need to live in North Wales.

4 Minutes of the 2023 AGM (circulated) That these minutes were a true record was proposed by Gill Jones (GJ) & seconded by Martin Cherry (MC). Agreed.

5 Annual Report had been circulated. Alison Montgomery (AM) gave a short summary and various thanks. Jenny Lees (JL) noted that Cynwyd Scrapbook no. 5 had been omitted from the list of publications and it was agreed to include this in the 2025 report.

6 Adoption of the annual report: proposed JD, seconded Margaret Barr (MB) Agreed. The Secretary was thanked for her work during the year.

7 Financial Report Rosemary Brotherton (RB) provided some points of clarification and said that DOWH had made a profit this year.

8 Adoption of financial report: proposed John Townsend (JT) and seconded Peter Masters (PM). Agreed.
The Treasurer was thanked for her work during the year.

9 Other reports were noted without queries and all those involved were thanked for producing their reports and for all their work during the year.

10 Election of trustees. JD expressed her thanks to all trustees and particularly to retiring trustees Frances Richardson and John Townsend. It was noted that Shaun Evans is not eligible for re-election at present, not currently being a member of DOWH (a requirement for trustees under DOWH's constitution).

Existing Trustees:

Wally Barr, Rosemary Brotherton, Eleanor Carpenter, Richard Cuthbertson, Martin Cherry, Janice Dale, Margaret Dunn, Zoe Henderson, Gill Jones, Peter Masters, Jane Parry-Evans, Alison Montgomery.

(Note that the Group constitution allows there to be up to 20 trustees.)

Proposed Fiona Gale (FG) seconded MB. Elected unanimously. (Note that while FG serves as membership secretary, she is not a trustee.)

11 Election of principal officers.

JD handed the Chair of the meeting to PM – host of the Zoom meeting.

Chair: Janice Dale – proposed GJ, seconded AM. Elected unanimously.

PM handed the Chair of the meeting back to JD.

Secretary: Alison Montgomery – proposed JD, seconded RB. Elected unanimously.

Treasurer: Rosemary Brotherton – proposed JT, seconded MC. Elected unanimously.

12 Election of other officers.

Membership Sec: Fiona Gale

Website Manager: Peter Masters

GDPR Co-Ordinator: vacant

Engagement Co-Ordinator: vacant

Research Co-Ordinator: Martin Cherry

Houses Database Co-Ordinator: Jane Parry-Evans

Newsletter Editor: Wally & Margaret Barr

Anglesey Branch Sec: Clare Latham & Brenda Simpson

Caernarfonshire Branch Sec: vacant

Conwy Branch Sec: vacant

Denbighshire Branch Sec: Jenny Lees

Flintshire Branch Secs: Wally & Margaret Barr

Merioneth Branch Sec: vacant

The elections were taken as a block – proposed RB seconded JD. Elected unanimously.

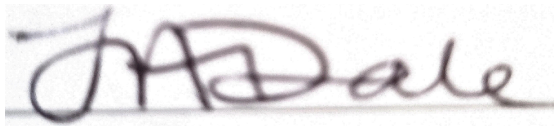
13 Constitution and Policies There were no items for discussion

14 Date of next AGM. This will be held in June 2025, if possible, in person or hybrid.

15 AOB

There was no other business.

The AGM concluded and was followed by the annual public lecture by Robin Grove-White on "My dad the Communist landowner and other Anglesey tales ".
Minutes drawn up by AM.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "JADale", written on a light-colored background.

Signed:

Chairman Date: 10th June 2025.....