

Minutes of AGM held as a virtual meeting on 1st November 2025

1. The AGM information session was held on Zoom on Saturday 1st November.

Present AB/HR/CR/RT/MaS/GW/SB

Stephanie Tyler / David Jones

David Jones had 2 questions regarding the accounts, one regarding the increase in expenditure from c. £200 to c.£2000, whether this was a one-off or likely to be repeated in the current financial year, and the second query related to how the profit surplus was calculated.

HR advised that the one-off opportunity to buy back surplus copies of *The Birds of Wales* from LUP had made up the bulk of the increase. Sales from the buy-back of the books would be reflected in the next set of accounts. He also explained how the profit surplus was calculated. He offered to send a more exhaustive break-down of the process by email but David Jones advised he was satisfied with the explanation.

No more questions were asked.

AGM process

Notification of the 2025 AGM was emailed/mailed to WOS membership on 3rd October 2025 along with a link to the Agenda, the Chair's report, the Treasurer's report, minutes of the 2024 AGM, proposed changes to the Constitution, proposed rises to Membership subscriptions along with short biographies for Council nominees Simon Boyes, Joshua Pedley, Gwenan Williams, Malcolm Smith and Siôn Emlyn Davies, and a voting sheet for postal votes.

Notification of the AGM information session for members to ask any questions regarding the proposed changes was also included.

The Survey Monkey poll was sent out by email on 10th October, with a final reply date of 1st November at 23:59 hrs.

Members were given the option of voting for the motions by Survey Monkey or by postal vote: 116 responses were received in total (61 more than in 2024), 111 via Survey Monkey and 5 postal votes.

Many thanks to everyone who voted.

2. Approval of the re-election of Iolo Williams as WOS President

115 in favour, 1 against

3. Approval of the re-election of Anne Brenchley as Chair and Trustee

108 in favour, 3 against, 4 abstentions and 1 skipped

4. Approval of the re-election of Mike Shewring as Council Member and Trustee

105 in favour, 1 against, 9 abstentions, 1 skipped

5. Approval of election of Simon Boyes as Council Member and Trustee

106 in favour, 2 against, 7 abstentions and 1 skipped

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- 6. Approval of election of Joshua Pedley as Council Member and Trustee**
105 in favour, 0 against, 9 abstentions and 2 skipped
- 7. Approval of election of Gwenan Williams as Council Member and Trustee**
106 in favour, 1 against, 8 abstentions and 1 skipped
- 8. Approval of election of Malcolm Smith as Council Member and Trustee**
100 in favour, 2 against, 12 abstentions and 2 skipped
- 9. Approval of election of Siôn Emlyn Davies as Council Member and Trustee**
106 in favour, 0 against, 7 abstentions and 3 skipped
- 10. Approval of the Chair's Report**
103 in favour, 1 against, 10 abstentions and 2 skipped
- 11. Adoption of the Treasurer's Report and Accounts**
104 in favour, 0 against, 10 abstentions and 2 skipped
- 12. Approval of proposed changes to the WOS Constitution**
98 in favour, 1 against, 14 abstentions and 3 skipped
- 13. Approval of Minutes of the 2024 AGM**
95 in favour, 0 against, 17 abstentions and 4 skipped
- 14. Approval of Proposed Rises to the Membership Subscriptions**
101 in favour, 5 against, 8 abstentions and 2 skipped
- 15. Date of next meeting**
November 2026, exact date and time TBA

End of AGM

President: Iolo Williams