

Chelmsford & District Welsh Society

2th 20 at Chelmsford Cathedral Chap

There were 48 members present including a representative from SNAP.

Following the singing of 'Unwaith Eto Nghymru Annwyl', the President welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Ron & Pauline Lewins, Buddug & Ray Rowland Frank and James Salmon.
2. The minutes of the last AGM held on 22nd June 2017 were agreed and signed by the President, Brian Farmer. The minutes are available to view on the Society's website.
3. President's Report-Brian Farmer gave us a brief report of his year as President. He recalled the many superb events during his year of office, in particular the annual concert and St David's Day Dinner. He paid tribute to the committee for their support, and in particular Ivy Price, The Vice President, the Secretary- Gwenno Pope, the Treasurer- Carys Williams, the Dinner organisers- Liz Armishaw and Kay Bright, the concert organiser- Arthur Williams, David Brown the website/Audio organiser, Mike Price the multimedia organiser, Edith Brown and her catering team and Shirley Moody who organises the church services. Special thanks were due to Don and Shirley Moody for their generosity in hosting so many of the society's events, and the members who hosted five Fund Raising/Charity events. The Society is very busy with at least 22 well attended events each year.
4. Treasurer's report- Carys Williams presented her financial report which had been made available to all those present. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes for filing. She gave a detailed analysis of income and expenditure with comparisons between the current year and the position in 2017. Carys mentioned that we had moved the money that we had in the Britannia Building Society account to the TSB, as the interest rate was low at the Building Society. The society has a healthy balance towards funding the coming year. We have 91 paid members in the society. Carys thanked all members for their generosity and for creating such a nice atmosphere at each monthly meeting. She mentioned that it had been a fantastic year and thanked Brian Farmer. However, Carys mentioned that the annual concert has become a real concern for the society as we have been struggling to sell enough tickets to break even in the last few years. She thanked Arthur Williams for all his hard work involved with organising the annual concert. She also thanked Liz Armishaw, Kay Bright, David & Edith Brown for organising the St David's Day. Carys also thanked Eddie Alcock for auditing the accounts.
5. Presentation of a cheque to the President's Charity-'The J's Hospice'- The president presented a cheque to the value of £1500 to Liz Armishaw, who is an Ambassador for the J's Hospice. Liz thanked the society for the generous donation and explained that the money will be very valuable to the charity, and will make such a difference to their lives. During the year a further £435 has been presented to seven charities/worthy causes.
6. Handing over the Presidency-Brian Farmer handed over the Presidency of the Society for 2018-19 to Ivy Price. Ivy thanked members for the honour of being Society President and welcomed Liz Armishaw as her Vice-President. Ivy price mentioned that SNAP based in Brentwood (Special Needs And Parents) is her chosen charity for the year.
7. Election of Officers-Vice President-Liz Armishaw; Secretary-Gwenno Pope; Treasurer -Carys Williams; Auditor-Eddie Alcock.
8. Election of committee members-the following members were appointed to serve on the committee for 2018-19-Jim Armishaw, David Brown, Edith Brown, Mike Price, Arthur Williams, Shirley Moody, Buddug Rowland Frank, Kay Bright, Sina Williams, Enid Morris and Gwil Williams. One new member was also accepted on to the committee-Ann Simpson.

Following a strawberry supper provided by the committee, Gwil Williams ran an exciting quiz, and presented each member of the winning team with six delicious cakes baked by his wife, Maureen.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the Welsh National Anthem.