



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### CADWGAN BUILDING PRESERVATION TRUST

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

held at Cardigan Castle from 6.00pm to 6.45pm

**Present:** Members – 20  
Proxy - 1  
Observers – 3

**Apologies:** Members & Trustees: Clive Davies, Chris Hewitt, Rhodri Evans.

**Circulation:** Cadwgan Trustees, Joff Timms

**Item: Welcome by Cadwgan Chair – Non Davies**

- The Chair welcomed all and thanked all staff and volunteers for their contribution in ensuring that Cardigan Castle continues to grow and thrive into the resounding success it now is. Staff and volunteers have multitasked and worked tirelessly. The feedback from guests and visitors is testament to this.
- The Chair thanked Theatr Mwldan for the excellent programme of events during the summer and extended her gratitude to all who helped deliver 'Haf yn y Castell'.
- The Chair advised that the Trustees have advertised the vacant position of Castle Director and that, once appointed, the replacement will lead the Castle in the new year.
- During the next year the Trust hopes to review current facilities and the focus will be on the Pavilion in the first instance.

**1.0 To approve the minutes of the AGM held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

- 1.1 Proxy voting papers were sent out to all members prior to the meeting. 1 was returned.
- 1.2 The minutes of the 2018 AGM were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Joff Timms, seconded by Jeremy Jones with 19 members in agreement.

**2.0 To report on the Trust's activities during the year and to approve the Trustees Report and Accounts for the year to March 2019.**

- 2.1 The Trustees' Report and Accounts for year ending March 2019 have been displayed on Cardigan Castle's website, and hard copies were distributed at the meeting.
- 2.2 Kevin Taylor presented the accounts with the key points outlined and explained, as per the financial review within the complete report.
- 2.3 The Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year ending March 2019 were approved. Proposed by Jeremy Jones, seconded by Arwyn Reed. 20 members in favour.

**2.0 To elect or re-elect the Trustee appointed since the last AGM, Steffan Jenkins, who offers himself for re-election.**

- 3.1 Steffan Jenkins' re-election was proposed by Hedydd Jones, seconded by Glen Johnson. 19 members in favour.

**4.0 To elect or re-elect the Trustee retiring by rotation, Kevin Taylor, who offers himself for re-election.**

- 4.1 Kevin Taylor's re-election was proposed by Sandra Davies, seconded by Hedydd Jones. 20 members in favour.



**5.0 To approve the re-appointment of Ashmole & Co as auditors**

5.1 The re-appointment of Ashmole & Co as auditors to the Trust was proposed by Jan Tucker, seconded by Meirion Davies. 20 members in favour.

**6.0 Any other business at the discretion of the chairman.**

- 6.1 Member, Richard Jones, asked the Chair why Jac Davies had left his role as Director of Cardigan Castle. The Chair responded that it was unfortunate and disappointing that Mr. Davies had decided to leave after 2 years in post but that his resignation had been accepted by the Trustees on the 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. The Chair confirmed that the position had been funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and that it was hoped to appoint a replacement soon.
- 6.2 Member, Richard Thomas, asked whether more thought had been given to developing interactive games for children, through Technquest. The Chair and Steffan Jenkins agreed that they would re-look at the situation.
- 6.3 Member, Richard Thomas, asked why the wedding offer was not more popular. The Chair explained that recent weddings have gleaned excellent feedback, which is down to staff and volunteers. The small wedding market has proved to be tricky with a balance of exclusive use weddings on site and the summer events currently being analysed by Kevin Taylor. His report will be presented to Trustees in due course.
- 6.4 Member, Hedydd Jones, referenced the fact that Glen Johnson's lectures are very popular and could these be linked in school's curriculum. The Chair and Steffan Jenkins advised that there is a proposal for The Stables be used by all educational establishments and that talks are in progress between the Trust and Gwersyllt yr Urdd. Glen Johnson advised that there is no reference library south of Aberystwyth or north of Haverfordwest and that thought could be given to utilising the space in The Stables for all the resources available locally.
- 6.5 Member, Tim O'Neill, suggested, and recognised that this may be a controversial topic, that the Miss Woods room should be re-invented as she was the downfall of the Castle yet there is a room in Castle Green celebrating her. The Chair informed that the room and her story proves to be fascinating and popular with visitors but that the Trust would be open to reviewing the exhibition.
- 6.6 The Chair advised that member, Rowan O'Neill, is keen to develop a new exhibition as the 2020 Eisteddfod will be held in Ceredigion, sadly though not in Cardigan, and asked that all suggestions would be welcome.
- 6.7 Member, Richard Thomas, extended his congratulation to the Trustees as the Castle has lifted Cardigan and is a credit to the town. The Chair thanked him for his words and said that congratulations should be extended to all who have been involved with the project over the years, trustees, staff and volunteers. It is now down to the local people to take ownership of the Castle to enable to site to be viable and vibrant for the future generations of Cardigan.