

CYFEILLION AMGUEDDFA CYMRU – FRIENDS OF NATIONAL MUSEUM WALES
67th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2022 At 10.30am
in the Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. No minutes for the 66th AGM held on 3 November 2021

No minutes were recorded last year as there was no 'actual meeting' and no queries were raised on the accounts or election of members of the Board of Trustees. Therefore all standing Board members due for re-election remained on the Board as no objections were received.

3. To receive the Chair's Report for the year April 1st 2021 – 31st March 2022

4. Re-election of Officers /Board Members

i) Gwen Williams, Chair and Kathleen Jones, Secretary (2018) and Len Metcalfe (re-elected in 2018) are due for re-election to the Board.

ii) **Election to Board of Trustees**

It is proposed by the BOT that the currently three co-opted members on the Board – Judith Foy, Lyn Owen and John Wilkins be elected onto the Board of Trustees

iii) **Election of Officers**

It proposed by the BOT that Gwen Williams be elected as Chair, Kathleen Jones elected as Secretary and Lyn Owen be elected as treasurer.

iv) The following members have not as yet completed their four year period on the Board so are not subject to re- election: Richard Carter, Peter Davies, Roger Gagg, Marjorie Sheen were re-elected in 2019 and are due for re-election in 2023. Diane Davies, Dorn Swaffield and Margaret Lewis were elected in 2020 and are due for re-election in 2024. Christabel Hutchings and Emrys Jones were re-elected in 2021 and are due for re-election in 2025.

v) Sara Jones Membership Marketing Officer and Maria Ioannou, Interim Head of Development attend Board meetings as our links with the Museum.

vi) Kathryn Outhwaite, Treasurer (Elected in 2018) has decided to stand down for personal reasons. Janet Jones has also resigned from the Board due to health reasons.

5. To receive the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022

6. Changes to the Constitution (2019)

i). Change in accounting procedure

For historical reasons, the Constitution, 2019 provides at Clause 18(2) for the accounts to be prepared on an accruals basis.

It is proposed that in Part 2, point 18.1 of the Constitution be changed to '*Accounts shall be prepared on a receipts and payments basis*'

ii) **To raise the subscription fee for members** from £25 to £30 for individuals and £30 to £45 for joint membership. The remaining categories to remain the same. Students under 21 - £3; Individual Life membership - £200; Joint Life Membership - £350

7. AOB To discuss any other business relevant to the meeting, of which written notice has been sent to the Secretary, Kathleen Jones, 18, Heol Wen, Rhiwbina, Cardiff CF14 6EG or by email to kathleen.jones@friendsmuseumwales.org.uk by **Mon. 28th October 2022.**

The AGM will be followed by a talk by David Anderson, Director General of Amgueddfa Cymru, National Museum of Wales entitled 'A Creative Future: Amgueddfa Cymru in the next 10 years.' It will be followed by tea and coffee in the Oriel Suite.

Please let us know if you intend coming to the AGM and the talk following it.

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67th Annual Report of the Chair 1.10.2021 – 30.9.2022

We are at last returning to the Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre for our AGM now that most restrictions have been lifted. It has again been a mixed year of Zoom meetings and using Mailchimp for sending information emails to all our members by one press of a computer key. Many more of us have adopted the new technology and both methods have been an excellent way of keeping in touch with members especially for those who live further afield. AGM papers will be posted on our Website and accessible by a link sent out to members by Mailchimp. Those with no computer or email access will receive papers by post.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Two of the officers – myself as Chair and Secretary, Kathleen Jones. wish to stand for re-election for the coming year as our terms of office come to an end at this AGM. Lyn Owen has been co-opted to the Board of Trustees and is currently Acting Treasurer and the BOT has voted unanimously that she become the Treasurer. Two more members have been co-opted onto the Board - Judith Foy and John Wilkins and both wish to be elected onto the Board at the AGM. All other members have agreed to continue on the Board of Trustees. Three additional non-Board members continue to attend events planning sessions and their contribution is greatly valued - Trix Unsworth, Jane Gagg and Heather Graves. All Board Members are volunteers and without their work the talks and other events would not take place. They all work hard on your behalf to make the Friends an organisation worth joining and I am extremely grateful to all of them for the help and support they continue to give me and the membership.

Events.

Our programme of Zoom talks has again been an amazing lifeline to members. We put on 15 talks from April 1st 2021 up to March 31st 2022. They covered different artists from Artemesia Gentileschi, Jean-Michel Basquiat and Leonardo – all different but fascinating. Historical events covered were the Versailles Settlement, the Civil War in Wales, Mining Disasters in Wales, Richard 3rd and his DNA and an all-encompassing talk on the Story of Wales in a Hundred Objects. Talks on famous people included The Davies Sisters and Frank Lloyd Wright, the architect, Jessie Knight the Cardiff tattooist and also famous places including the Newport Transporter Bridge and the Slate Museum in Llanberis.

We are grateful to some of our members who have given these talks but also Museum employees who are experts in their fields giving up their time to talk to us on their specific subjects. That is much appreciated as is all the other help they give us. No visits were undertaken in this period due to COVID and consequent lockdown.

Our main aim is to raise money for chosen projects in the Museum. The successful £5000 donation we made for the conservation of the Manet Portrait enabled the Museum to get match funding for its conservation. The donations we made to the Wool Museum have enabled them to train two new craftspeople in the use of traditional wool processing machines and, as a result, enhance the visitor experience. Money was also given to assist in the creation of a new early years section on the Museum website. Digital Toddler time is a resource created for families with young children. It is heartening to know that the money raised by us all is being put to really good use.

Membership.

We now have 716 members on our database. 26 members have still not renewed despite reminder emails and letters so currently paid-up membership stands at 690 a small increase on last year. The renewal date was in March but members can re-join at any time. Members often join us by recommendation from their friends but can also access information and application forms for joining, from the Friends' bilingual website - <http://www.friendsmuseumwales.org.uk> The latter is consistently maintained and as well as Membership forms, it contains recordings of Zoom talks, details of current and past events, magazines from previous years and a Friends' blog. We are on Facebook and Twitter.

Our accounts. The Friends of the Museum is a charity and as such now falls into a category whereby we need our accounts examined but not audited. Therefore they have been prepared by our acting treasurer Lyn Owen and have been approved by the Board of Trustees and examined by Dr. Tony Williams, The accounts are presented at this AGM.

Thank you to all those who have supported us throughout the last year with, not only your continued commitment, but also the donations you have made to the Friends especially after the Zoom talks.

Gwen Williams, Chair, Friends of Museum Wales

Friends of the National Museum of Wales

Acting Treasurer's Report to AGM

Financial Year April 2021-March 2022

BACKGROUND

The period covered by this report was one of continuing restrictions caused by the COVID pandemic. In spite of making a substantial loss, the accounts show that the organisation is managing to keep its head above water.

INCOME

- Subscriptions and donations continued to be the major source of income for FNMW, and it is thanks to the generosity of members for their unstinting support that this is so.
- Gift aid receipts for those who are tax payers and who choose to Gift Aid is also a substantial help to the income side.
- Restrictions on movement for the major part of the period covered meant that there was no event income for this year – a disappointment not just from an income point of view, but for those who were unable to enjoy the stimulation of visiting places of interest.
- There remains one cheque uncleared; the recipient lives abroad and there are difficulties in banking the cheque. The six month period before the cheque becomes invalid will be monitored.

EXPENDITURE

- Annual donations totalling £25,000 were made to the NMW in furtherance of its work.
- As there were no events organised, there is no expenditure recorded under this heading.
- FNMW is very grateful to those speakers who were willing to present *via* online platforms. Fees, of course, were payable as listed – this figure includes the uncleared cheque mentioned above.
- Auditing the accounts was an important outlay, and we will be exploring ways in which this figure can be reduced.
- Insurance is a necessary part of the organisation's activities, and we have been able to negotiate a favourable figure for the cover needed.
- Printing and postage form a large portion of expenditure. *Oriel* is published biannually and posted to every member. In addition, flyers advertising activities have to be posted to those who do not have or do not use internet facilities.

IN SUMMARY

In spite of a difficult year, FNMW has managed to end the period in credit on all accounts. Although the General account is low in funds, this will be corrected by means of appropriate transfers from other accounts. With the return to a more normal way of existence, it is hoped that the coming year will show a healthier and more stable state of financial affairs.

Lyn Owen
Acting Treasurer
October 2022

Friends of National Museum of Wales
Receipts & Payments Account
1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

	Balances b/fwd		Lloyds General 00885994	£ 15,052.50
			Lloyds Subscriptions 00211144	£ 11,764.57
			Lloyds Deposit 07094488	<u>10,930.47</u>
<i>Last Year</i>				£ 37,747.54
	Receipts			
		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>
16,606	Subscriptions, Donations & Talks	17,589.30	120.00	17,469.30
	Gift Aid Tax refund	2,328.15	-	2,328.15
2	Interest	1.09		1.09
		<u>19,918.54</u>	<u>120.00</u>	
<u>16,608</u>	Total Incoming resources			<u>19,798.54</u>
	Expenditure - Charitable			
	NMW Annual Donation		15,000.00	
16,000	NMW Other		10,000.00	25,000.00
400	Speakers' Fees			500.00
	Audit		1,800.00	
	Printing/postage/stationery		5,646.00	
8,644	Insurance		523.00	7,969.00
<u>25,044</u>	Total Expenditure			<u>33,469.00</u>
<u>8,436</u>	NET EXPENDITURE			<u>£ 13,670.46</u>
	OPENING BALANCES LESS NET EXPENDITURE			<u>£ 24,077.08</u>
15,052.50	CLOSING BALANCES		Lloyds General 00885994	£ 2,338.52
11,764.57			Lloyds Subscriptions 00211144	£ 10,807.00
10,930.47			Lloyds Deposit 07094488	<u>10,931.56</u>
<u>37,747.54</u>				<u>£ 24,077.08</u>