

Menter Iaith Sir y Fflint
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, November 4th 2010
Corlan, Mold.

Present

Jill Blandford, Nia Wyn Jones, Dewi Davies, Iwan Jones, Gwennan Henstock, Darren Morris, Lisa Orhan, Dylan Davies, Carl Renshaw, Ieuan ap Siôn, Awen Williams, Gwawr Cordiner, Ellie Pritchard, Huw Alun Roberts , Harri Bryn Jones

1. Welcome

Chair, Harri Bryn Jones extended a warm welcome to all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from the following:

Steve Marquis, Emma Manning, Nesta Davies, Keith Humphreys, Meinir Tomos-Jones, Les Barker, Sharon Barlow, Marian Antrobus, David Owen Jones, Hywel Edwards, Eirian Conlon, Diana Rivaz, Dafydd a Meri Griffiths, Iddon Edwards, Carys Gwyn, Gwenno Jones, Aled Lloyd Davies, Rhian Davies, Tony Kensall , Liz Williams, Bronwen Hughes.

3. Confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 2009

Minutes were proposed correct by Huw Alun Roberts and seconded by Gwawr Cordiner.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Acceptance of the Manager's Report

Gwawr Cordiner, Manager, presented her report for the previous year. She explained the changes in staff that had taken place over the year, including appointing new Directors to the Board as well as appointing Awen Williams, as Youth and Welsh Language Development Officer. Gwawr thanked the staff for their support over the last year and for their creativeness and enthusiasm whilst undertaking projects and activities in the county. She also noted her appreciation of the continued support and assistance that she has

received from the Board of Directors and the Menter Iaith's main partners. The importance of working in partnership in order to achieve the Menter Iaith's aims and objectives to develop and promote the Welsh language in Flintshire's communities was also noted.

a.) Daniel Owen Film Festival

A DVD of all the films is available to all and 70 young people from Flintshire benefited from this exciting project.

b.) Gŵyl y Ffin Festival

Gwawr mentioned that she had feared that it would be difficult for the Menter Iaith to work outside the area of Mold to promote the Welsh rock and pop music scene, but she expressed that she was very pleased with the success of Gŵyl Y Ffin Festival at Tower Gardens, Holywell during July. She also added that co-working and the support of our partners, Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Holywell Town Council, and local Community Councils, had ensured the success of the day, as the Menter Iaith staged a festival promoting the best bands in Wales.

c.) Language and Heritage Project – Rural Development Programme

Statistics in relation to the project were presented:

These figures are relevant to the old framework (2008 – October 2010), and have been accepted as accurate by Flintshire County Council. As of November 2010 the Menter's targets were reviewed by Flintshire County Council's Economic Development Department, and the project began monitoring its output according to the new framework.

Measure	Target	Outcome
WOA.323.8.1 Number of children participating in the project	90	1318
WOA.323.8.2 Number of young people participating in the project	120	53
WOA.323.8.3 Number of women participating in the project	75	140
WOA.323.8.5 Number of Welsh speakers participating in the project	120	1175
ECO.323.1.3 Number of projects in support of maintaining, restoring or upgrading the rural heritage advised and assisted	20	25

d.) Welsh Language and Heritage Centre in Mold

It was announced that the architects were in discussion with the Planning Department regarding the parking provision at the site. Discussions are also being held with TOCH, the site owners, in order to agree on a price, this is based upon receiving full planning permission for the multi-purpose centre.

Gwawr finished by thanking Bryn for all his work as Chair during the year, and also thanked Ellie Pritchard, the Menter Iaith's Business Officer for all her work during the last three years on behalf of Menter Iaith Sir y Fflint and Menter Maelor, and wished her and her husband John a good start to their new life in New Zealand after Christmas.

No questions or comments were raised in relation to the report, and it was accepted by all present.

6. Acceptance of the Accounts up to 31st March, 2010

Accounts were presented by Richard Roberts of Hill a Roberts Accountants, Ruthin. He noted that he was very happy with the Menter Iaith's financial management of their budget. The only worry was the continual need to look for financial sources, but he noted that he was happy with the Menter Iaith's attempt to find ways of funding projects.

No questions or comments were raised in relation to the accounts, and they were accepted unanimously by all who were present. Bryn thanked Richard for his work.

7. Elect the Board of Directors

It was agreed that the following Directors be co-opted: Harri Bryn Jones, Huw Alun Roberts, Nia Wyn Jones, Lisa Orhan, Gwenno Jones, Carl Renshaw, Gwenan Henstock, Bronwen Hughes, Dylan Davies and Nesta Davies. It was noted that they were an extensively diverse group of individuals from across the county that all had different specialities and experiences that will be of benefit to the Menter Iaith. A maximum of 10 people are needed on the Director's Board, and 10 names came to hand.

8. Any other matters

There were no other matters arising.

9. Date and location of next meeting

17th November, 2011, Corlan , Mold.

Bryn thanked everyone again for their support and presented Dewi Davies, Managing Director of North Wales Tourism Partnership who addresses the audience on the work of promoting Welsh culture in the field of Tourism in North Wales.