



# AGM 2024 MINUTES

ST MADOC OF FERNS COMMUNITY GROUP  
REGISTERED CHARITY 1204104

## **St Madoc of Ferns Community Group – Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2024**

**Held: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 19:00 in Bowen Memorial Hall, Little Haven.**

Twenty members were present, with no members participating on Zoom.

The agenda and the Chair's, Treasurer's and Secretary's reports had been made available on the website, prior to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence.
  - None
2. Declaration of interests.
  - None
3. Minutes of the previous AGM
  - Since this was the Charity's first AGM there were no previous minutes.
  - Therefore, there were no matters arising from the minutes.
4. Chairman's Report
  - Gareth Morgan (Chair) welcomed everyone to the first AGM of the St Madoc of Ferns Community Group.
  - He presented the Chair's report covering the year to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024. This included registration with The Charity Commission on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
  - Spoke of the frustration felt by the Charity with the time being taken to progress the lease agreement with the Church in Wales.
  - Gareth finished by thanking the people and group who had supported the Charity in the previous year. It included, but was not limited to, the Little Haven Fundraiser Group, Havens History Group, Plunkett / Benefactor Trust and the Havens Community as a whole.

Acceptance Proposed: Sally Morgan Seconded: Christine Link Agreed by members present.

5. Secretary's Report
  - Alison Gibby (Secretary) reported on the activities of the Trustees in fund-raising, community engagement and learning about the running of a Charity.
  - The efforts to raise funds in preparations for getting the lease.
  - Her work in meeting other local groups as part of the charity's impact assessment.
  - The coaching that the Trustees had received from the Plunkett / Benefactor Trust in business planning and grant applications.

Acceptance Proposed: Sally Morgan Seconded: Christine Link. Agreed by members present.

6. Treasurer's Report
  - Nicola Morton (Treasurer) presented highlights of her report detailing the financial transactions from the inception of the Community Group, through the registration as a charity to the end of the financial year on 05/04/2024.

- The receipt of a grant from successful in securing a £5,000 grant from the Benefact Trust which has enabled the Charity to undertake surveys on the condition of the church building.
- Other expenditure had been largely limited to the costs required to put on successful fund-raising events.
- Thanked the generosity of everyone who has contributed to our funds including some very generous donors and sponsors.

Acceptance Proposed: Jane Bastian Seconded: Amanda Diggins. Agreed by members present.

- Whether to appoint an independent auditor for 2023 / 24 as our income falls below the Charity Commission audit requirement of £25,000. The Trustees put forward the view that an independent auditor was not required.

Acceptance Proposed: Iain Tweedale Seconded: Richard Baker. Agreed by members present.

## 7. Appointment of charity trustees

As specified in the constitution, all the initial trustees retired at the AGM.

Richard Baker decided not to stand again as a trustee. Gareth Morgan thanked Richard on behalf of the Trustees, for his enormous contribution to the charity in its formative years. All other initial trustees sought re-election and there were no further candidates wishing to become trustees.

- Candidate: Alison Gibby Proposed: Sally Morgan Seconded: Nicola Morton.
- Candidate: Christine Link Proposed: Gareth Morgan Seconded: Amanda Diggins
- Candidate: Gareth Morgan Proposed: Alison Gibby Seconded: Richard Baker
- Candidate: Sally Morgan Proposed: Nicky Morton Seconded: Jane Bastian
- Candidate: Nicola Morton Proposed: Michael Dodsworth Seconded: Shirley Norman
- Candidate: Iain Tweedale Proposed: Gareth Morgan Seconded: Nicky Morton

As there were less than the maximum number of trustees standing for election all candidates were elected as trustees (without the requirement for a vote).

## 8. Appointment of charity officers

The trustees of the charity were asked to stand for election as one of the principal officers of the charity: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

- Chair  
Candidate: Gareth Morgan Proposed: Alison Gibby Seconded: Jane Bastian
- Treasurer:  
Candidate: Nicola Morton Proposed: Christine Link Seconded: Alison Gibby
- Secretary  
Candidate: Alison Gibby Proposed: Richard Baker Seconded: Sally Morgan

As there were only one candidate for each position, each candidate was appointed to the respective roles (without the requirement for a vote).

## 9. Alteration to the Constitution

Proposal to change annual membership to lifetime membership, converting all current members to lifetime members without incurring further fees.

Resolution Proposed: Nicola Morton Seconded: Alison Gibby.

- The resolution was intended to maximise the number of members at a time when the cost of living was increasing. During discussions it became apparent that the resolution did not meet with the approval of the members. Richard Baker was concerned that a permanent change to the constitution could limit the charity's ability to raise funds in the future. In response to member concerns, Christine Link suggested an alternative resolution (below).

Proposal to rollover membership for a year without further fees as the charity had not yet negotiated a lease for the church.

Resolution Proposed: Christine Link Seconded: Gareth Morgan Agreed by Members

- The members agreed that this was an appropriate in the circumstances without jeopardising future income to the Charity. The resolution was agreed and adopted.

10. Resolutions

- There were no further resolutions to discuss.

11. Any other business

- None.

The AGM concluded at 19.50 and after a short break Iain Tweedale gave an informative and entertaining talk on 'Life on Caldey'.