

Clwb Llanllawen AGM Minutes

Date	Time	Minute taker	Next meeting
21 st May 2009	19:30	Rachel Johnson	11 th June, 7pm

Chair	Joy
Attendees	Committee: Myfi, Brian, Jan, Rachel, Debbie, Marilyn, Colin Club members: 7 (non-committee) members
Guests	
Apologies	

Discussion items

Chair's report

Joy opened the meeting with a welcome to all.

Joy then gave a report of the year (in Welsh first, then in English) with a recap of many of our events. It was pointed out that some of our evenings were well attended, but at others the numbers were disappointing. Last year, the committee asked the club members "what shall we do?" and we organised the evenings accordingly. This year, we will ask you again.

A thank you was given to Nan who has rallied Welsh speakers from different local organisations to come to our events and this has made a difference as more Welsh is spoken as a result.

Thanks were also given to

- o Myfi for her continued support and being an all round "good egg",
- o Colin for all his work on the website,
- o Welsh speaking friends for their support.

Joy spoke of the plan for next year, to meet just once a month (on the first Tuesday of the month) at the Awelon centre in Ruthin. Extra events will be arranged in between - these will be where we are joining events that other groups are organising, or supporting local events, such as theatre trips to Theatre Clwyd, or local drama group productions. For these additional events, we will be relying on using email to communicate the details to members and will be asking everyone to check the website regularly for updates.

There followed a discussion amongst those at the meeting about what events have been the most enjoyable, how we can encourage more members to attend and what events people would like on the calendar for next year – see the later item for details.

Finance report

Brian presented the audited accounts for the year. He reports that the account remains healthy, with the total asset figure of £2496 carried forward.

One of the members asked whether there were any plans to spend any of the money that has accrued as there looks to be quite a large amount – it was proposed that we subsidise transport for people to attend the Eisteddfod at Bala in August. The committee will look to arrange this for one of the weekend days.

Feedback on events (past and future requests)

Some of the members expressed that they particularly enjoyed the big trips or unusual events such as the walks, the weekend away and the food demonstration.

People would like to see the following type of events considered for the next year:

- Film/slide shows (members are invited to volunteer for these)
- Dramatic readings (like Angharad's "Blodwyn Jones" this year) with discussion
- Pub games (darts & skittles) with chat
- Drama group to act out the Llanllawen stories for an enrolment/promotion event
- Wine tasting

It was requested that we attend the Eisteddfod as a group as we should be making the most of having such a good event on our doorstep.

How to encourage more members to attend

We all agreed that it can be quite daunting for people attending their first few events, so we would like to introduce a "buddy" system where people have a contact from the club for the year that they can arrange, before events, to meet up with to arrive and spend the evening together. Perhaps we can do this on a class basis, so that a couple of current members will be the point of contact for each of the year 1 & 2 classes. Dave, Jan, Joy and Geoff all volunteered for this for the coming year. Myfi will look for two volunteers from the Corwen area. Myfi will provide a list of the classes.

We will also look at introducing a (secure) email group for arranging car share, etc.

Committee elections

The following people were re-elected onto the committee for the coming club year: Joy, Rachel, Jan, Brian, Debbie, Marilyn. Myfi, Nan, Sian and Gwenan will continue to be co-opted onto the committee. Colin is unable to stand for the committee this year, but will continue to provide the website role (and will attend committee meetings as required to discuss items on the website).

We would like to ask Welsh groups if they would like to come onto the committee – no one had any objections to us approaching them informally in this regard.

AOB

- **Welsh speaker members** – We propose that for the new membership year (09/10) fluent Welsh speakers will not need to pay a membership fee. We are in a financial position to do this now, and it might encourage people to come and help us. It will also ensure there is no disparity between those coming to help and Welsh speaking partners or friends, which might be hard to justify.
- **Weekend workshop** – Jan has looked at a number of possible different locations, but they are not possible for this year. The proposal therefore is to return to Swallow Falls in Betws-y-Coed. Those at the AGM were in favour of holding the event again this year, so we will move ahead with this.
- **Promotion/enrolment event** – Myfi told the meeting about the donation we have received to put on such an event. Myfi would like to put together a group to perform the Llanllawen stories as she did for the launch event at the Urdd Eisteddfod which will encourage the classes to mix.
- **One day workshops** – It was suggested that four one-day events are run on weekends to review the points arising in each of the Llanllawen books. Myfi will put this to the college as this would require tutors to teach this and therefore would need funding.
- **Meeting close** – Joy closed the meeting with thanks to all for attending, and a request that people remember to look at the website for event updates and details.
- **Next committee meeting** – the date of the next meeting is Thursday 11th June, 7pm at Llysfasi.