

**OLD DY'VORIANS ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2025-6**  
**Held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026, at 3.15 pm (BST)**  
**in Dynevor, Lecture Theatre 1 and online via Teams**  
**Draft Minutes**

1. Present: Gareth Payne (GP) (Chair), Hywel Davies (HD), Keith Ferguson (KF), David Taylor (DT), Peter Samuel (PSa), Phil Stone (PSt), John Walters (JW), John Summerwill (JS), Pam Bashford (PB), John Thomas.
2. Apologies for Absence: Jeff Vaughan (JV), Tudor Price, Anthony Atherton, Andrew Clemes (AC) and Bill Gibbs- belated apology.
3. The Minutes of the 2025 AGM held on 24th April 2025 were accepted. These Minutes may be found on the [website](#).
4. Matters Arising:  
We are very grateful to Keith Ferguson for producing the end of year accounts and the annual report for the AGM (see item 7).
5. Officers' Reports
  - President
  - Secretary
  - Accounts for year ending 31/12/2025 - Keith Ferguson, on behalf of the Committee

*The Audited Financial Statements and Reports may be found on the ODA Website at:*  
<https://dynevorrevisited.org.uk/agm-documents/>

***The motion to accept the Audited Financial Statements for 31/12/2025 and other reports, was carried by the AGM.***

6. The Association wishes to record its appreciation to:  
Robert Howells for all his years of service and dedication as Auditor 2008-2025 and previously as Treasurer 2002-2008. He has stepped down from the role due to ill-health;  
Stuart Hancock ('52-59') for auditing the accounts for 2025-2026.  
The following committee members:  
Jeff Vaughan ('58-'63), who is stepping down due to family commitments after very many years on the committee. He has been a key committee member organising annual dinners and rock nights and will be a significant loss.  
Andrew Clemes ('73-'78), who is stepping down from the committee after his three-year tenure as Vice-President, President and Past President.  
Robert Mitchell ('72-'88) who has resigned as our Annual Dinner photographer and committee member due to family commitments.
7. To confirm the appointment of the following Committee Officers:  
President - Steve Balsamo ('82-'87)  
Vice-President - Goronwy Jones ('63-'70)  
Past President - Gareth Payne ('69-'75)  
Annual Accounts, in lieu of a treasurer - Keith Ferguson ('58-'63), supported by Gareth Payne - subscriptions, Margaret Llewelyn ('84-'02) - Annual Dinner and Pam Bashford ('74-'02) - Dynevor Days, website and general banking, the latter with Gareth Payne ('69-'75).  
Secretary - Pam Bashford  
Membership Secretary - Peter Samuel ('59-'66)  
Editor of The Dy'vorian - John Summerwill ('55-'62)

Communication Co-ordinators: Facebook, Zoom and Teams - Phil Stone ('59-'66), and Mailchimp - Pam Bashford (temporary role).

Website Administrators – Pam Bashford and Phil Stone

Members who have indicated their willingness to serve on the Committee during the coming year include: - John Walters ('61-'69); David Taylor ('68-'02); Hywel Davies ('67-'74).

The motion to appoint Stuart Hancock as Auditor to the Association for the coming year was carried.

No other nominations have been received for Officers of the Association.

The Association's thanks are extended to the above, and to Margaret Llewelyn who although not a committee member continues to support Jeff Vaughan organising the Annual Dinner.

## 8. Planning Ahead

- a) The Motion was carried to ensure the financial stability of the ODA and address potential annual budget deficit, Association members will be asked to make a voluntary contribution, above the existing annual subscription fee of £10, if they so wish.  
By the end of 2027 we will have a better idea of the size of any shortfall which would be compensated for by the voluntary contributions. Any additional funding will be used to make a charitable donation, which would be decided upon in January 2028.
- b) The **Motion** to set up a Working Party in order to consider long-term planning that will ensure our Association's legacy is preserved, promoted and protected up to our centenary in 2030 and beyond was carried.  
Members from all year groups will be asked to join the Working Party.  
The Working Party will be given an opportunity to report on progress at committee meetings, with a final report produced no later than the end of 2029.  
**Action:** The above plans, based on a Paper produced by HD, follows on from the 2017 Working Party Paper produced by Ted Neild. These will be circulated and members invited to express an interest in joining the Working Party. Ideally the group should comprise of members from across the membership age range and include committee members and at least one member of staff.
- c) **Motion:** The mechanism by which new applicants join the ODA will be simplified as the current process is considered out-dated was carried.  
**Action:** PB to update the current documents and upload them to the website.

## 9. ODA Activities:

- a) Donations:  
The Dynevor Days donation funded outdoor experiences for approximately 230 Year 6 pupils across the five participating primary schools last academic year.  
Please view pupils' comments on the schools' section of the Dynevor Days [website](#) to see the significant impact the donation has had.

An additional £2000 Dynevor Days' donation was presented to Brynhyfryd Primary School as a special President's Award.

Just to clarify, members subscriptions are not being used to fund Dynevor Days.

Two donations, each for £100, have been made to:

Y-HUB, a universal youth group open to all 11-25-year-olds, with a Friday night club (6-8 pm) and a daily drop in (12-5 pm) offering hot food, music and weekly workshops. It offers young people a safe and friendly environment with professional support;

Faith in Families, as a gesture of thanks to Andrea D'Ambra for giving his time to deliver this year's Annual Lecture. Andrea has kindly provided a recording of the ODA lecture for us. It has been uploaded to YouTube and made available under [Events](#) on the website.

Gareth Payne will end his tenure by presenting the President's Award to UWTSD students at the Graduates' Summer Show at Dynevor Campus on 15<sup>th</sup> May this year. The sum donated has been reduced from £1,500 to £1,000 in order to reduce our annual deficit.

- b) The ODA Annual Dinner, the highlight of our year, was held at the Village Hotel. We will be returning there on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2026.
- c) Two coffee-mornings have been held in Dynevor Café since the last AGM. The last one was poorly attended, no doubt due to having to hold it on a weekday in order to fit in with the catering department's requirements. An appeal has been made for the next event to revert to a Saturday morning.
- d) Further activities for 2026 such as a wine tasting evening and a river Tawe boat trip are in the early stages of planning. Members will be canvassed in order to elicit interest with details announced in the coming months.

#### **10. Dynevor Archive:**

- a) Our website's landing page has been updated by NetBop, based on a design put forward by Phil Stone and John Summerwill;
- b) Original copies of material, available on our website, are gradually being moved to West Glamorgan Archive Service for secure storage.

#### **Any Other Business:**

No questions raised.

DT wished to record thanks to the officers who work hard on members' behalf.

A plea will be circulated to ask for those who are prepared to offer time and support to join the ODA committee.

Date of the next meeting: To be announced

The meeting closed at: 3.45 pm