

Gower Agricultural Society

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
- with a registered working name of the Gower Show
Charity No.1203489

Minutes of the AGM Held on Monday 18th November 2024.

Present:

Trustees:

John Furneaux (JF) –Trustee (Chair)
Kathy Atkin-Bowdler (KB) - Treasurer Trustee
Howard Morgan (HM) Trustee
Peter Muxworthy (PM) - Trustee

Voting members:

Daphne Furneaux (DF) - Show Chair
Peter Bevan (PB) - Show Deputy Director
Ellis Davies (ED) - Man. Comm. Member
Paul Tucker (PT) - Man. Comm. Member
Rowland Pritchard (RP) - Man. Comm. Member
Richard Gordon (RG) - Show Vice Chair
Jodie O’Brien (JOB) - General Secretary
Margaret Davies (MD) - Section Secretary
Mike Tankard (MT) - Section Secretary
Adrian Lewis (AL) - Section Secretary
Leah Bevan (LB) - Section Secretary
Elizabeth Gordon (EG) - Section Secretary
Sian Tucker (ST) - Section Secretary

Others (Non-voting):

Peter Bowdler
Pauline Davies
Louise Furneaux
Tom James
Christine Jeffries
Margaret Layton-Maguire
Keith Parker
Ian Smith

Apologies:

Vivian Jones (VJ) - Man. Comm. Member

Rose Atkin
 Alison Davies
 Emily Broomhead
 Keith Hughes
 Chris and Julie Lewis

		Action
1.	<p>Welcome – Noted: JF welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the AGM of the Gower Agricultural Society.</p> <p>Action: N/A</p>	
2.	<p>Correspondence Noted: JOB read Richard Furneaux’s correspondence of resignation (see filed letter in form of an email) – stating his resignation and his many thanks to the Show for allowing him to be such an integral part of the Show’s management and organisation.</p> <p>Agreed: A letter of thanks be sent to Richard on behalf of the Gower Agricultural Society for all he has done to contribute to the success of the Show, with a special mention in regards to the time when the Show was called off and the professional way that he dealt with carrying out this difficult task.</p> <p>Action: JOB to draft letter and get signed off by chairman and sent to RF.</p>	JOB
3.	<p>Report of Trustees Noted: John introduced the 4 Trustees –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kathy Atkin-Bowdler –Treasurer Trustee - John Furneaux – Trustee - Howard Morgan - Trustee - Peter Muxworthy - Trustee 	

The Show has now changed its charity status, which means that those involved with the management of the Gower Agricultural Society are more financially protected. This, in hope, may mean more people would like to become Trustees in the future.

In 2023 an application was made for this change which was accepted by the Charity Commission. Various policies and procedures have now been put in place which will help the Show to withstand any challenge that may occur.

A Management Committee has been appointed to oversee the organisation and delivery of the Show Day. The Management Committee is overseen by the Trustees. Two Trustees sit on the Management Committee.

The Trustees have developed a protocol for the appointment of Honorary positions. Nominations will be considered by the Trustees who will decide on appointments.

2024 was an excellent Show, with great attendance and overall, a success.

A special mention and a big thank you to Peter Bevan for his contribution to this year's Show, especially in the running and delivery of Show Day. He really stepped up to the challenge.

Another thank you goes to the outgoing General Secretary, Margaret, who has stepped down from this role which she has held for a number of years. The position will be taken over by Jodie O'Brien.

Leah Bevan will be taking on the role of Assistant secretary and Sponsorship lead.

No major complaints were received this year.

Action: N/A

4.	<p>Receive Annual Statement of Accounts</p> <p>Noted:</p> <p>KB reported on the statement of accounts and pointed out that there are two entries on the Charity Commission site for the Gower Show - the new entity and the old. In respect of the Show's new charity status, the CIO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Charity Commission website shows an income of £0. Because we have changed the type of charity we now work under, there is no income to report in the 2023 accounting year. - This year, the Show made a profit of just above £14,500 (still to be finalised) which is great compared to last year. Overall, this was deemed a positive outcome. <p>A query was asked regarding why the cost of Rosettes was nearly triple in 2023 compared to 2022. KB provided a number of possible explanations, but this matter will need to be looked into further.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <p>The CIO accounts for the accounting period ending 2023 were accepted unanimously.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>KB to investigate the difference in reported Rosette costs between 2022 & 2023.</p>	KB
5.	<p>Receive Annual Statement of Accounts from former Charity</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>KB reported on the statement of accounts for the former charity noting that the 2023 Show had made a financial loss of approx. £34k, which was to be expected in the circumstances, though this was less than anticipated initially.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <p>The accounts of the former charity for the accounting period ending 2023 were accepted unanimously.</p> <p>Action: N/A</p>	

<p>6.</p>	<p>Appointment/Reappointment of Trustees Noted:</p> <p>Of the three original Trustees, one is required to stand down but may be reappointed at the AGM. HM is standing down and is seeking reappointment.</p> <p>As KB was initially appointed by the Trustees, to continue as Treasurer Trustee she needs to be reappointed at the AGM. KB is seeking reappointment.</p> <p>Agreed: It was unanimously agreed that HM & KB be reappointed as Trustees.</p> <p>Action: N/A</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Honorary Appointment(s) ratification Noted:</p> <p>The term of office of DF as Show Chair ends at this AGM and RG, the Show Vice-chair, takes over the Show Chair role.</p> <p>The Trustees had received and considered two nominations for the position of Show Vice-chair and had decided to offer the position to Alison Davies who has accepted (see filed letter of acceptance).</p> <p>Given the resignation of RF, the position of Show Director becomes vacant. It was proposed at the meeting that PB, current Deputy Show Director, takes on this Show Director role.</p> <p>Agreed: The appointment of RG as Show Chair and Alison Davies as Show Vice-chair were ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>The appointment of PB as Show Director was unanimously agreed.</p>	

	<p>The resulting vacancy for Deputy Show Director to be discussed at the Management Committee meeting following the AGM.</p> <p>Action: Management Committee to discuss Deputy Show Director Vacancy.</p>	<p>RG</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>AOB Noted: The President, PT, made a presentation of flowers and a gift voucher to the outgoing General Secretary, Margaret Layton-Maguire, in recognition of all the hard work and time that she had given to serving the Show over many years. Margaret thanked everyone for her gift and for the opportunity to be part of the Show's organisation, a role which she had thoroughly enjoyed and which had enabled her to make many new friends.</p> <p>HM made a presentation of a painting to RG in recognition of the work that he had put into helping establish the Gower Show's new charitable structure. RG thanked everyone for their generosity and accepted the gift with humility, acknowledging all the hard work of those who readily and voluntarily give their time to organise and deliver the Gower Show.</p> <p>JF invited Section Secretaries to attend the Management Committee meeting that followed the AGM.</p>	

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