

CITY OF CARDIFF GYMANFA GANU SPONSORING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the FIRST MEETING of the Committee held at the City Hall Cardiff, on Thursday, October 24th, 1968, at 2.30 p.m.

Present:- Mr. Lyn Howell, O.B.E., F.I.C.S. ... Chairman.
Mr. D.J. Davies ... Vice-President.
Mr. K. Harris-Hughes ... Treasurer.
Mrs. T. Lloyd Roberts, N.G.G.A.
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Mr. Arwyn Jones, Musical Director, Cardiff City Council.
Reverend Emlyn Jenkins, Cardiff Free Church Council.
Alderman Lincoln Hallinan, Cardiff City Council.
Councillor E. Currie Jones, Cardiff City Council.
Mr. Elwyn Griffiths, Undeb Cymry ar Wasgar.
Mr. D. Rhys Jones, Croeso '69.
Mrs. Enid Wynne Jones ... Secretary

1. APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED FROM The Secretary of State for Wales (The Rt.Hon. George Thomas, M.P.), The Rt.Hon. The Lord Mayor of Cardiff (Alderman J.R. Lyons, J.P.), and Mr.Meirion Lewis.

Mr. D.J. Davies, Vice-President, in his opening remarks, thanked the members for agreeing to serve on the Committee and, in particular, Mr.Lyn Howell for accepting the Chairmanship. In an outline of previous developments he explained that, in response to a suggestion from America, both he and Mr. E.T. Lewis, Operations Manager of the Wales Tourist Board, had visited Buffalo, New York, to extend an official invitation to the National Gymanfa Ganu Association to hold their 38th Annual Gymanfa Ganu at Cardiff in 1969.

2. CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Having welcomed and introduced the Committee, the Chairman, Mr.Lyn Howell, explained its terms of reference and (as shown in the above list of those present and submitted apologies) its constitution.

3. BANKING ACCOUNT

The Treasurer, Mr. K. Harris-Hughes, supplied details of a temporary account which had been opened on behalf of the Committee at Martins Bank Ltd., St.Mary Street, Cardiff. Satisfaction was expressed at the favourable terms offered and the Committee confirmed the arrangement on a permanent basis. The following formal resolution was adopted:-

"That a Banking account be opened with Martins Bank Ltd. and that the Bank be and is "empowered to honour cheques drawn on the said account by any two of the following Officers:-

Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer."

4. PROFITS

It was decided that, although it was customary for a Sponsoring Committee to donate 60% of any profits to the Gymanfa Ganu Association and retain the remaining 40%, in this case all profits made would go to the Association.

5. VENUE

Gratitude was expressed to the Cardiff City Council for their generosity

in granting the free use of Sophia Gardens for the whole period of the Gymanfa.

6. INCLUSIVE TOUR ARRANGEMENTS

Details were given of an inclusive tour covering the National Gymanfa Ganu and the Investiture of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales at Caernarvon. To date 212 persons had already paid, while a further 115 were expected during the next few days. In all, therefore, with still four to five weeks to go before the closing date, 327 had made definite decisions.

7. ACCOMMODATION

A choice of hotel, guest house, and private house beds would be available. Provisional bookings had been made in a number of Cardiff hotels.

8. FUND RAISING

It was reported that the Wales Tourist Board was covering the immediate costs and that monies being received from North America for the inclusive tour eliminated immediate problems. It was hoped that the registration fee, plus donations and memorial donations, would eventually cover all administrative costs. As the venue of the Gymanfa - Sophia Gardens - was generously offered free by the Cardiff City Council it was likely that the other activities of the Festival would be self sufficing. The Vice-President and Chairman agreed to prepare a budget for the next meeting.

9. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

(a) Registration - It was decided to approach the Angel Hotel regarding use of the banqueting hall for this purpose.

(b) Awr y Plant (Children's Hour) - It was decided to eliminate this customary event, due to the fact that it would be unlikely that a sufficient number of children would attend.

(c) Banquet - The City Hall banqueting room had been provisionally booked for the evening of Friday, 27th June.

(d) Noson Lawen - to be staged at Sophia Gardens for Saturday evening, 28th June.

(e) Religious Service on Sunday morning, 29th June. The Chairman was asked to seek the views of the N.G.G.A. on the following alternative suggestions:-

(i) guests to attend the normal morning services in City Centre churches;

(ii) the usual "Gymanfa" service.

(f) Gymanfa Sessions to be held on Sunday afternoon and evening.

10. PATRONS

The appointment of patrons was left until a later date. Mrs. Lloyd Roberts reported that she had officially approached Mr. H. Hughes, Bogots, but had not yet heard from him.

Session Presidents - These appointments were left to the N.G.G.A. according to custom.

Conductor - Mr. Arwyn Jones, Musical Director Cardiff City Council was

asked to give this appointment some consideration and to report to the next meeting.

Stewards - It was decided to ask Mr. Tom Davies, M.B.E., to arrange stewards for the Gymanfa.

11. SOUVENIR BROCHURE

The Vice-President agreed to approach the Production Department of the Wales Tourist Board re the costings and layout of the publication. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Roberts were asked to select a number of hymns and discuss them with Mr. Arwyn Jones.

12. NEXT MEETING

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Committee on Friday, 6th December, at 2.30 p.m. at the City Hall, Cardiff.
