



Cymdeithas Treftadaeth Dyffryn Conwy

Conwy Valley Civic Society

Chair report 2018 – 19

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It's our 50th year – to some of us 1969 seems like only yesterday, but a lot has happened and looking back at previous minutes our Civic Society has certainly been busy from its foundation all those years ago!

Since our last AGM our regular meetings and lectures have been held in various venues in The Valley, and all our committee meetings have all been arranged here in Dolgarrog.

Our Programme Secretary - as did his predecessors - has again successfully juggled venues, speakers, projectors, screens and our members to somehow land together at exactly the right places at the right times, and we have had many instructive and enjoyable talks over the past year. As well as these meetings members have this year attended two social events, a January “winter warmer” at The Bee Inn in Eglwysbach – and also a lovely summer party held at Gilfach in May for our members, and our thanks to Isoline and James for their kind hospitality which made this party possible and such a happy event for everyone.

Thanks are due to our Treasurer, for all his work in maintaining, presenting and arranging proper audit of our accounts, it's really not just about “looking after the money” and we all appreciate his professional expertise and good advice more than words can say.

Our Planning Secretary has continued to monitor and keep us informed of any planning matters needing our attention, weeding out those that don't. Where appropriate his well researched comments have been submitted on behalf of The Conwy Valley Civic Society to the relevant authorities to take into account, and to take notice of. Committee members have attended CCBC planning committee meetings, and two events arranged by our AM, one concerning flooding in The Valley and more recently one about local road problems, where everyone has had the opportunity to openly express their views to the officers and councillors present for their departments. Both meetings were well attended, and we look forward to hearing what the outcomes will be.

Our Minutes Secretary, Ann P has, as always, again provided us with accurate records of our Committee meetings – and arranged the tea and coffee for committee members. I personally greatly appreciate both, as I am sure do the rest of the committee

We will miss Anne S, in her capacity as Society Secretary, she earlier in the year said that she wished to retire from that post, which I hope will be filled at this meeting when we elect our officers for the coming year. Thank you Anne for all your help and for everything you have done.

As always happens some valued and long-standing members have left the area over the year, but it is very pleasing to know that they remain members of The Society, and I know we will be so pleased to see them at meetings if the opportunity arises when they are visiting.

I am delighted to report that we have welcomed several new members over the last year, a trend that I hope will continue. Our society is a voice for the improvement and, where necessary, the preservation of all that is best in our area, so the more members we attract then the stronger that voice will be.

I can not close my report without expressing our sadness at the loss of Dilys Glynne this year. She was such a good friend to us, and worked tirelessly for The Civic Society over many years. Many of us were able to attend her memorial service in Conwy, and I know that everyone whose lives she touched will miss her greatly.

As do many societies we always struggle to find members willing to serve on the committee. I would prefer to say “join in the fun” of being on the committee – because that's how it should be, it's really not an onerous “task” in any way. We hold a few committee meetings a year to administrate the work of the society. We are always looking for fresh ideas and new approaches to the way we can achieve our objects too. So, an appeal – please do consider putting yourself forward for nomination, join your committee, share YOUR new ideas and help take your Civic Society forward towards celebrating many more birthdays to come.

Catherine Mortimer Hart
Chair, 2018-19

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