

Llanelli Boys Grammar School Old Boys and Graig Former Pupils Association

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date 9th June 2015

Meeting Location Conference room, Parker Plant, Llanelli

Approval Approved 7th July 2015

Recorded by John Buckee (Secretary)

1. Attendance

Name	Title
Ken Board	Chair
George Parker	Vice Chair
Allan Jones	Treasurer
John Buckee	Secretary
Claire Rumble	Committee Member
Peter Lane	Committee Member
Paul Oram	Committee Member
Keith Thomas	Committee Member

2. Meeting Start

Meeting Schedule Start 18.00


Meeting Actual Start 18.05

3. Agenda

• Agenda Item 1 Matters Arising

1	File signed copy of minutes of the EGM	Mr. John Buckee	Done
2	Send scanned copy of EGM minutes and attendance list to Mr Peter Lane	Mr John Buckee	Done
	Copy of the 2015 Constitution and EGM minutes to Charity Commission.	Mr John Buckee	Waiting resolution of position of Treasurer before notifying Charity Commission of changes

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3	Letter of invitation to Mr Barrie Lewis to become first Honorary Member of the Association	Mr Ken Board	Reported under agenda item 2
4	Inform Mr Allan Jones of letter of invitation sent to Mr Barrie Lewis	Mr Ken Board	
5	Purchase web space for website	Mr. Peter Lane	Done
	Investigate availability of domain name Graig Former pupils.org	Mr. Peter Lane	Ongoing
5	Create a Facebook page for the Association	Ms. Claire Rumble Mr. John Buckee	Done (106 members joined in first 24 hours)
6	Update the status of the WW1 Commemorative Plack.	Lt. Colonel David Mathias	Reported under agenda item
7	Confirm with the Stradey Park Hotel date of the 2015 Association Dinner.	Ms Claire Rumble	Confirmed
	Investigate Menu options.	Ms Claire Rumble	Taster session to be arranged for July 7 th at the hotel.

- **Agenda Item 2 Response to e-mails sent**

Letters sent to named individuals and former Committee members thanking them for their service to the Association. With the exception of Mr. Noel Rees no other replies received.
Item closed

Mr Peter Lane reported that the database of some 260 former pupils has been sent to all committee members. Several of the names on the list have either not provided functional e-mail addresses or are contactable by post only. Mr John Buckee to write to these former pupils and determine the optimum means of contact for the future,

- **Agenda Item 3 Graig Contacts**

To build on the Facebook page, Claire Rumble to approach admin of the site "Graig Survivors" with the view to linking the pages and reaching the wider audience of Graig former pupils.

Following discussion with Mr Barrie Lyles, then involvement of former pupils of the Graig Campus (of Coleg Sir Gar) could be considered in the future. Duly noted.

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- **Agenda item 4 Position of Treasurer**

Following discussion it was agreed that Mr Ken Board would approach Mr. Phil Cooper inviting him to the position of Association Treasurer.

Notwithstanding the appointment of a Treasurer, Mr Ken Board to request the outgoing treasurer to provide detailed closing accounts and a listing of Association assets and valuation (ties etc)

- **Agenda item 5 WW1 Plaque**

Following a visit to the Graig Campus, Mr Ken Board reported that it is the intention of the Principle (Mr Barry Lyles) to create a "heritage centre" around what was the "old" school entrance. This heritage centre is seen as the ideal place for the WW2 plaque (available) and the WW1 plaque yet to be commissioned (all names available).

Mr Keith Thomas to approach Thomas Lloyd (monumental masons) for options on preparing WW1 plaque (and re working of WW2 plaque)

Mr Paul Oram noted that whilst admirable work has been done by Lt. Col. David Mathias and others in researching the lists of the fallen in the two wars, there have been numerous other conflicts in the intervening years e.g. from Suez, the Falklands to Iraq. How many former pupils lost their lives in these conflicts ? Ms. Claire Rumble to approach Mr Barry Lyles to see if there are records available for the more recent conflicts.

- **Agenda item 6 Speakers for October Dinner**

A list of possible speakers was prepared for discussion

Principle	Second
John Gower (author)	Mr John Martin (Neurosurgeon)
Prof Stuart Cole (Transport Consultant)	Mr Stephen K. Jones (Author)
Dr. Keith Marshall (Dental Surgeon)	
Brian Davies (ex Wales international)	
Robert Buckland (Attorney General)	Paul Jones (ex Head teacher Bryngwyn)
Dr J.P Davies (Historian)	
Dr. Tony Lewis (Oceanographer)	

Mr John Buckee to contact Mr John Gower and Dr Keith Marshall to check their availabilities to act as our after dinner speaker(s) 2015.

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- *Agenda Item 7 AOB*

- *7A Membership*

Agreed that the Membership fee for the Association for the year 2015/2016 be set at a minimum of £5 with members free to make discretionary "top-up" payments as they see fit.

Membership will run from 1st October for a period of 12 months.

An electronic members register to be developed.

Mr George Parker floated the concept of "Corporate Membership of the Association. Committee members were asked to identify suitable companies and to discuss this item further at the next meeting.

- *7B Position of Association Patron*

Mr Ken Board to invite Leslie Griffiths (Lord Griffiths of Burry Port) and Michael Howard (Lord Howard of Lympne) to jointly act as Patrons of the Association.

- *7C Suitable causes worthy of support*

Mr Ken Board to approach Mr Barry Lyles for suggestions. Similarly the Associations social network sites (web and Facebook) will be used to secure ideas. Any cause would go to a vote by members.

- *7D 2015 Dinner.*

Ms Claire Rumble confirmed the booking for Friday 2nd October at the Stradey Park Hotel. The Hotel have also offered the Association free use of the Brym Y Mor room on a bi-monthly basis free of charge.

A taster menu will be available at the next committee meeting

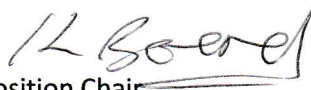
Tickets for the dinner would be available on line and via hotel reception as a minimum.

Ms Claire Rumble to check that the Hotel does not carry an Association booking for January 2016 – if yes then cancel.

- *7E London Branch*

Mr Paul Oram to secure the name of the former Chair of the London branch of the Association and consider either inviting him as a speaker at a future meeting else listing of members and viability of resurrecting branch activities.

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4. Meeting End

Meeting Schedule End 19.00 hrs

Meeting Actual End 19.20 hrs

5. Post Meeting Action Items

Action	Assigned to	Deadline
Investigate availability of domain name Graig Former pupils.org	Mr. Peter Lane	
Write letters to those members without functional email accounts to determine optimum means of contact	Mr John Buckee	
Invite Mr Phil Cooper to accept the position of Treasure to the Association	Mr. Ken Board	
Request detailed accounts, pass books, assets etc. From the outgoing treasurer Mr. Allan Jones	Mr Ken Board	
Obtain suggestions / quote for preparing WW1 plaque and reworking of WW2 commemorative plaque	Mr Keith Thomas	
Determine if lists available of former pupils who dies in conflicts post- WW2	Ms Claire Rumble	
Contact Mr John Gower and Dr Keith Marshall to check their availabilities to act as our after dinner speaker(s) 2015.	Mr John Buckee	
Invite Leslie Griffiths (Lord Griffiths of Burry Port) and Michael Howard (Lord Howard of Lympne) to jointly act as Patrons of the Association.	Mr Ken Board	
Approach Mr Barry Lyles for suggestions as to causes(s) worthy of support	Mr. Ken Board	
Cancel any January 2016 booking made in the name of the Association at the Stradey Park Hotel (if made)	Ms Claire Rumble	
Arrange a taster menu to be available at the next committee meeting	Ms Claire Rumble	Postponed to August meeting
Secure contact detail for the London branch of the Association	Mr Paul Oram	

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6. Decisions Made

- Decision 1

Recognition of outgoing officers of the Association – in the absence of replies there will be no plans made for the formal recognition of past officers at the 2015 dinner. The exception to this statement was Mr Noel Rees, who thanked the present committee for the offer but stated that having served on the committee over the years was reward enough.

- Decision 2

Membership – the annual membership fee is set at £5 (five pounds sterling) as a minimum with former pupils invited to make increase contribution as they see fit.
In the first instance membership will run from October 2015.

7. Next Meeting

Location ~~Bryn Y Mor room at the Stradey Park Hotel~~
Date 7th July
Time 18.00 hrs

POST MEETING CORRECTION

Bryn Y Mor room not available this date.

Meeting rearranged as follows

Location Board Room, Graig Campus, Coleg Sir Gar
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Time 18.00 hrs

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