MONTGOMERYSHIRE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 11.30am on 17 October 2026 at the County Library, Newtown.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Catrin Meredith and Philip Pryce.

2. Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting

The Chair reported that the minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting had been approved at a recent Executive Committee meeting. She invited anybody who wanted a copy to contact her.

3. Reports by officers of the Society

(i) Chair

Chris Roach welcomed all the members present, both physically and online, at a well attended AGM. She continued by thanking all the committee members for their work in the last year, both the officers and other executive committee members. She also thanked non-committee members who gave freely of their time for the Society, in particular Nick Venti who had put a considerable amount of time into sorting out the proposed changes to the constitution that would be discussed later on in the AGM. The Chair also thanked the Newtown library staff for their help again this year.

(ii) Treasurer

Heather Lawton, Treasurer, presented the accounts for the financial year 2025/2026. Once again the accounts had been audited by Mr D.B. Jones, whose £50 fee was included in them. The Treasurer reported that the Society's bank accounts currently showed a credit balance of £26,414.54 which was a slight increase of £24.98 on last year. Subscriptions, booklet and FindMyPast sales had decreased slightly since last year but Genfair sales had improved. Expenditure was down slightly on last year mainly because no booklets had been printed in the course of the year. Overall the Society continued to have a very healthy balance. See copy of the accounts at Annex A to these minutes in the Minutes Book.

(iii) Chairman of Projects and Publications Sub-Committee

David Petley-Jones, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, was not present and had not sent in a report. He was known to have been very unwell recently.

4 & 5. Election of officers and members of the Executive Committee

The current officers and members of the Executive Committee, as settled at its meeting in July, were content to serve in 2026-2027 and were re-elected unanimously en bloc.

Composition of Executive Committee after the 2026 Annual General Meeting:

Mrs Chris Roach	Chair and Secretary
Mrs Heather Lawton	Treasurer
Mr Stephen Jones	Minutes Secretary
Mrs Marian Boston	Mr Phillip Evans
Ms Nia Griffiths	Ms Charlotte McCarthy (Powys Archives Rep.)
Mr David Petley-Jones	Mr Philip Pryce
Mrs Jean Williams	

6. Proposed alterations to the Constitution

The AGM then moved onto its main business, the discussion of the proposed amendments to the Society's constitution which had been circulated to the membership by email prior to the meeting. The Chair handed over to Nick Venti of PAVO for this agenda item. Nick focussed on article 14.2 which differed from the version originally circulated to members and took account of comments received in response to that initial draft. It had been amended to make it clear that in the event of the Society's dissolution any assets remaining after the discharge of its liabilities were to be transferred to another institution or institutions with objectives similar to those of the Society. The amendments to the constitution, resulting in the version at Annex B, were agreed unanimously without a vote. Nick indicated and the Chair agreed that it could now go on the Society's website as updated.

7. Appointment of auditor.

Mr D.B. Jones had agreed once again to audit next year’s accounts.

8. Any other urgent business

None was raised.

9. Date for 2027 AGM

No specific date was fixed for the 2027 AGM but the Chair hoped that it would return to a date earlier in the year, in September.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 11.45. There was a short delay and then Nia Griffiths presented her illustrated talk on the Trewythan Arms Hotel, Llanidloes.