

**Minutes of the AGM of the Montgomeryshire Guild of Weaver, Spinners and Dyers held at
Forden Community Centre on 14th December 2013.**

1) Apologies
Liz Jones

2) Minutes of the last AGM

Accepted

3) Matters Arising
Minutes from previous AGM will be added to guild website

4) Officers Reports

The President thanked the committee for their work this year, and also thanked any members who had attended public demonstrations, particularly Margaret Hay-Campbell and Katharine Barber for representing the guild at Sarn Show.

Katharine Barber read out the Secretary's report

The summary of accounts prepared by Treasurer Elaine James was examined and accepted. Mary Holton proposed, and Sue Collett seconded.

5) Election of Officers

The President asked for volunteers from the guild to stand for committee as Katharine Barber is stepping down this year, and neither Liz Jones, or Coral Whiteway had been in a position to attend meetings this year.

Sue Collett agreed to stand, was proposed by Lynne Geldart, and seconded by Joanna Brown. No other members wished to stand for election as officers so the committee positions will remain unchanged this year. This was put to the vote and unanimously accepted.

Dawn Cleaver- President

Elaine James- Treasurer

Caroline Martin- Health and Safety Representative

The position of secretary will again be shared amongst committee members, Joanna Brown will remain as contact for new members and enquiries via phone, Caroline Martin to make the hall booking, and committee members to organise workshops jointly. If members wish to email the committee with queries the guild email address is regally monitored, or Dawn Cleaver can be emailed using the address in the membership directory.

6) Website

Katie Weston to continue taking responsibility for the guild website. The hosting has been transferred to her name from that of David Geldart, and she will deal with any matters arising regarding the hosting and domain registration. If members have any details they wish to be added to the website please let her know.

7) Programme for 2014

The draft programme was discussed and agreed upon.

Members were asked to come up with suggestions for the 2015 programme so the committee could start making enquiries in the New Year.

8) Guild Challenge 2014

Members were asked for suggestions, using silk as the fibre was discussed, in part to fit in the with the workshop later in the year.

9) Guild Equipment

Lynne Geldart has kindly looked after and stored the guild equipment for several years but is going to be unable to do so in the long term.

Caroline Martin has done an inventory and we had several pieces of equipment we didn't know about, and have not used in a very long time.

The committee feel that we would be better selling some equipment as we don't have space to store everything that we own, and some pieces have not been used in many years.

We also need to look to replace certain items, particularly the drum carder, and would like to create a more complete beginners kit based around the wheels we have available for hire.

There are also certain more valuable items of equipment like the Peter Teal wool combs that are currently not stored with the other equipment, we think Coral Whiteway currently has them.

It was also discussed that the size of the deposit we take for equipment needs to be raised. At the moment second hand Ashford Traditional's are selling for around £150, should a wheel go missing we need to be in a position to have the deposit cheque cover the loss and allow for the purchasing of a replacement. The idea of limiting the loan period was also discussed.

As there were no significant objections to these plans the committee will come up with a more concrete set of proposals and put them to the guild at a future meeting

10) Food at workshop meetings

The members were happy to continue bringing along a plate of food for a buffet lunch on the meetings where we have workshops.

11) Membership Cost

This is to remain at £25 for 2014

12) Any Other Business

The Neonatal ICU at Shrewsbury Hospital thanked the guild for their donation of baby hats and blankets from the All Wales Guild Challenge this year.

It was suggested that members might like to do further charity work this year.

Joanna Brown was thanked for bringing along flapjack to go with the tea and coffee every meeting.

Mary Holton raised a possible issue with our constitution. It possibly says that officers should only hold any position for a maximum of 3 years. A copy of the constitution was not available at the meeting, but will be checked, and if necessary an EGM will be held later in the year.

13) Date of Next AGM

13th December 2014