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## GLAMORGAN ARCHIVES JOINT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee held at REMOTE MEETING on 11 December 2020 at 2.00 pm.

Present:

Members Representing: Councillor John, Vale of Glamorgan Council (Chairperson)  
Councillor Colbran, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Cowan, Cardiff Council  
Councillor Cunnah, Cardiff Council  
Councillor George, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council  
Councillor Henshaw, Cardiff Council  
Councillor Jarvie, Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Councillor K Jones, Cardiff Council  
Councillor R Lewis, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council  
Councillor W Lewis, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council  
Councillor Smith, Bridgend County Borough Council

### 44 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Robson.

### 45 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

### 46 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

### 47 : REPORT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER - 30 NOVEMBER 2020

Members were provided with an update on the work, visits and achievements of the service for the period 1 September 2020 – 30 November 2020; the Appendices listing notable accessions, information on collections and the interesting enquiries.

In Summary the Archivist stated that the last period had continued to be challenging for all of the team at Glamorgan Archives. However, a number of positive projects and opportunities had come forward recently, and it shows that a lot of work is still happening despite the pandemic. The team are continuing to work hard on existing

work and planning for impending projects. Work is also continuing on planning for public reopening when it is safe to do so.

The Chairperson invited questions and comments from Members;

Members referred to the Social Media figures for October and asked if these were correct. Officers advised they were correct, it had been a particularly bad month for no apparent reason, however there will be the benefit of tracking statistics going forward.

RESOLVED: to note the report.

#### 48 : MONTH 7 MONITORING REPORT FOR 2020/21 AND BUDGET REPORT 2021/22

Members were provided with an outline of the report in reference to Month 7 monitoring for 2020/21 and the Budget Report for 2021/22. All key headlines were outlined after which the Chairperson invited questions and comments from the Joint Committee.

Members asked if all Section 151 Officers from the Joint Authorities had seen the budget proposal information and if they had responded. Officers explained that they had all been sent the information and been asked to respond before the Joint Committee meeting. No response had been received but there had been a few questions in relation to Covid funding from Welsh Governments; no questions on the budget proposals themselves. Members considered they may not have had enough time to consider the information and suggested this item be deferred to a future meeting. Other Members supported this suggestion in light of LA's currently in budget consultation and there being a potential increase in LA contributions.

Members were very concerned about the NNDR situation; Officers explained that they have been in conversation with Museum colleagues who also want to look at this issue in depth. It is a huge piece of work and cannot be done in isolation. Work will be undertaken across the sectors and Welsh Government over the next year and the Archives intend to be part of that work.

The Chair requested that updated budget reports be circulated to Joint Committee Members in between meetings to keep them up to date with any issues.

RESOLVED: to defer the item to a future meeting to enable S151 Officers in Joint Authorities time to respond fully to the Budget Proposals.

#### 49 : MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN REPORT

The Report on the Medium Term Financial Plan was outlined to Members, after which the Chairperson invited questions and comments from Joint Committee Members.

Members considered that it was a good idea to have sight of the Medium Term Financial Plan at this stage, however this would be looked at again in a future meeting after further discussion with s151 Officers from Joint Authorities.

The Chairperson wished to thank officers for a detailed report, and thanks all staff for their hard work.

RESOLVED: to defer the item to a future meeting.

50 : DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 26 MARCH 2021 AT 2.00PM

The Chairperson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and expressed his condolences to anyone who had lost a loved one this year.

The meeting terminated at 3.45 pm

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