



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **West Glamorgan Archives Committee**

Committee Room 6 - Guildhall, Swansea

Friday, 14 December 2018 at 11.00 am

Present: Councillor R V Smith (Vice Chair) Presided

Representatives of City and County of Swansea

P M Black

L S Gibbard

L R Jones

Representative of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

Councillor

P Rees

Representatives of Associated Organisations

A Dulley

Diocese of Swansea & Brecon

L Miskell

Swansea University

Officer(s)

G Borsden

Democratic Services Officer

K Collis

County Archivist

J Stevens

Legal - NPT

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s) W F Griffiths, H N James & D B Lewis, Mrs J L Watkins & T McNulty

9 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by both authorities, no interests were declared.

10 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the West Glamorgan Archives Committee held on 21 September 2018 were approved as a correct record.

11 Report of the County Archivist.

The County Archivist presented a report which outlined the work of the Joint Archive Service during the period September-November 2018.

Use of the Service

He reported on the use of the service for the quarter. He referred to the comparison of statistics for 2017 and 2018 and detailed the background and rationale behind them.

Service Outreach

He detailed the Service's involvement in the development of an exhibition to commemorate the centenary of women's voting rights. The 15-panel exhibition had

been developed in partnership with Swansea Museum, the Dylan Thomas Centre, Swansea University and the Women's Archive Wales. The exhibition has been developed in two sections, with one aimed at the general public and one at 11-16 year olds, and has already been displayed at Swansea Civic Centre foyer, Swansea Museum, Swansea YMCA, the Women's Archive Wales annual conference, Taliesin Create, Swansea University, Volcano Theatre and Margam Orangery.

He indicated it would also be displayed at Terrace Road Primary School later that day to accompany the unveiling of a blue plaque at the school commemorating Clara Neal, a former head teacher at the school, prominent suffragist and women's rights campaigner.

He referred to the proposals for the development of an exhibition to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Swansea's City Status that is planned for 2019. The Archives would work in partnership with a number of cultural venues and other organisations on this.

He described the recent launch, and circulated a copy for information, of 'The Parish of Llangyfelach: Landed Estates, Farms and Families' by Jeff Childs, which the Service had jointly published with the author. He indicated that the Service would be publishing another book, on the rebuilding of Swansea 1941-1961, in the summer of 2019.

He outlined the sessions delivered for various schools and talks to groups undertaken.

He also listed the various events attended by the Service and recent participation in the UK-wide 'Explore your Archive' campaign.

He explained about an online resource that the Service had created based on the Service's holdings of First World War rolls of honour and made public on November 11th with an index of local servicemen who fought and died in the War.

He outlined that following a grant from the Friends of the National Libraries in 2017, the Service had digitised and web mounted a series of the Neath Abbey Ironworks drawings.

He referred to a recent South Wales Evening Post article which highlighted and publicised some of the documents and collections held by the Service.

Professional Meetings and Partnership Working

He reported on the various meetings attended by staff during the quarter.

Archive Collections

He reported on the list of archives received by the Service during the quarter.

The meeting ended at 11.50 am

Chair