



Minutes of the Senedd Branch Annual General Meeting 10 December 2024

Welcome

The Chair welcomed those present and opened the AGM.

1. Minutes of Last AGM Meeting held on 6 December 2024

The minutes were accepted as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Any Urgent Business

There was no urgent business

4. Report by the Senedd Branch Chair, Rhun ap Iorwerth MS

The Chair noted that it had been a productive year for the Branch.

There had been no changes in the Membership of the Branch Executive Committee during this period which had met formally as well as representing the Branch as part of visits and numerous activities.

The Chair highlighted some notable activities over this reporting period, which had included:

- It had been great to see our Regional Women Parliamentarians' Conference resume with a programme hosted by the Maltese Parliament at which the Senedd had been represented by Rhianon Passmore MS and Janet Finch Saunders MS
- The biennial Commonwealth Youth Parliament had also taken place this year and the Senedd was delighted to have been represented by Tegan Skyrme (a former Member of the Welsh Youth Parliament) at the conference, hosted by the New Zealand Parliament in Wellington.
- Lee Waters MS had been selected to represent the Branch at the CPA's Artificial Intelligence Conference hosted in partnership with the Parliament of Singapore. The Chair encouraged Members interested in AI to read Lee Waters' comprehensive report.
- Natasha Asghar MS had represented the Branch at this year's Regional BIM Conference - a truly unique experience, taking place for the very first time on the remote Island of St Helena.
- The Chair noted that he and the Llywydd had recently had the honour of representing the Senedd at this year's Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference which had been held in Sydney to coincide with the bicentenary of the New South Wales Parliament.
- A key milestone this year had been the decision by our BIM Region to establish an LGBTQ+ Network and our Senedd Branch has been playing a leading role in the early stages of shaping this important work. The Chair noted his thanks in particular to Adam Price MS for his work with this.
- The Chair stated that there had been some notable inward visits in which the Branch had played an active role. These had included the visit of Speaker Natalie Roy and her delegation from the National Assembly of Quebec.

It had also been a pleasure this year to welcome the CPA UK Westminster Seminar to the Senedd for a day where some 30 Parliamentarians and Clerks, representing a range of devolved and smaller legislatures from across the Commonwealth, came to participate in a full and varied programme, in which a number of Senedd Members were involved.

Closing

The Chair noted that 2025 promised to be a busy and exciting year for the Branch

There were planned CPA conferences in Scotland, Quebec, and Barbados. The most exciting and eagerly anticipated programme of next year, however, would be our own – as the Branch prepared to host (for the first time since 2014) the British Islands and Mediterranean Regional Conference at the Senedd in June.

The Chair thanked the Branch Secretariat for their Support and looked Forward to Members' continued interest and engagement in these and other opportunities, through our membership of the CPA.

6. Attendance:

Senedd Branch Members

- 1 Rhun ap Iorwerth MS (Branch Chair)
2. DPO David Rees MS (Branch Vice-President)
3. Delyth Jewell MS (Branch Executive Committee)
4. Natasha Asghar MS (Branch Executive Committee)
7. Peredur Owen Griffiths MS
8. Lee Waters MS
9. Luke Fletcher MS
10. Mabon ab Gwynfor MS
11. Heledd Fychan MS

Branch Secretariat:

Manon Antoniazzi, Branch Secretary, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Senedd
Al Davies, Acting Branch Secretary,

Observing:

Gwion Evans, Llywydd's Private Office

**CPA Senedd Branch Secretariat
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