



BRANCH EXECUTIVE MEETING

Date: Wednesday 11 February 2026

Time: 12:30-13:15

Location: VC Room

Present

Rhun ap Iorwerth MS, Chair

David Rees MS (Vice-President)

Alun Davies MS

Natasha Asghar MS

Secretariat

Al Davies, Acting Branch Secretary

Siân Stoodley, Llywydd's Private Office

1. **WELCOME / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCES**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies of:

- Delyth Jewell MS
- Sam Rowlands MS
- Rhianon Passmore MS

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** - Paper CPA 6S-25-04

The Minutes were approved as a correct record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

4. **Feedback and follow-up of recent Meetings, Visits, Events and Conferences**

- [BIMR EOM](#)
[Falkland Islands](#)
03-16 December 2025

Alun Davies MS gave an account of his recent experience as Head of Mission for this Election Observation. He stated that the Mission had been a positive experience and that the final report would be available shortly. The Chair and Alun Davies MS encouraged others who might be interested in being involved in future EOMs to undertake the required training which was facilitated by the BIMR Secretariat.

- *BIMR CWP SC Meeting*
Virtual
26 January

Rhianon Passmore MS and Natasha Asghar MS had attended the

meeting which included discussions on a range of issues, including:

- *Childcare at conferences questionnaire responses;*
 - *Mentoring Programme update;*
 - *Standing down questionnaire update;*
 - *'Positive Action Measures in Commonwealth Parliaments': Gender Quotas Report*
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- *BIMR CWP Conference*
Belfast, NI
8-10 February

The Senedd had been represented at this very recent conference by Rhianon Passmore MS and Sioned Williams MS.

Sian Stoodley, who had supported the Senedd delegation, gave a brief overview of the conference which was on the theme of "Power and Peace: protecting our Mental Health in Public Health" and had included the launch of the BIMR CWP Mentoring Scheme. The recently elected Chairperson of the CWP International, Catherine Fyfe (Ontario) was present at the Conference.

5. **FORWARD PLANNING**

Forthcoming Meetings, Visits, Events and Conferences

- *Visit by delegation from the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, India*
19 February.

This visit was being organised through the Trinity St David University of Wales. The delegation of 15, including the Assembly's Speaker, would be given a presentation on the Senedd as well as a session with the Future Generations Commissioner, Derek Walker.

The visit was taking place during Senedd recess and it was understood that it was unlikely there would be Members available to meet the delegation.

- *BIMR CPwD Forum*
Edinburgh, Scotland (Hybrid)
20 February

Arrangements had been made for Mark Isherwood MS's virtual participation in this inaugural BIMR CPwD Forum.

The programme would be focussing on the two main areas of:

- Accessibility Audits*
- What Parliaments can do to encourage more people with disabilities to stand as candidates in elections.*

It was noted that the Senedd was currently considering a request by the CPA Secretariat for us to undertake an Accessibility Audit.

SEVENTH SENEDD

- *55th BIMR Conference*
Gibraltar
17-20 June

Dates for the Regional Conference were now confirmed. The Gibraltar Branch secretariat had been advised that, whilst the Senedd Branch hoped to send a full complement of Members to the conference, we would not be in a position to confirm our final delegation until late May, due to the Senedd elections.

- *Commonwealth Youth Parliament (CYP)*
Sydney, New South Wales
27-31 July

Discussions were underway with the Welsh Youth Parliament secretariat in order to advertise this opportunity to eligible former WYP Members. The Branch Office Holders would assess the applications shortly so that our nomination could be presented to the CPA by the April deadline.

- *69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference*
Cape Town, South Africa
13-18 September

Revised dates for this year's CPC had now been confirmed.

The Branch would advertise the opportunity in June and confirm our delegation before the Summer recess.

The Branch Acting Secretary had made contact with his counterpart in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament who had confirmed that they would be pleased to facilitate a day programme for the Senedd delegation, as part of our wider programme in Cape Town.

6. **NEW ITEMS / ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

i) The Report by Adam Price MS & Hannah Blythyn MS on their participation in the *Al Kuala Lumpur Conference* was noted.

ii) **Review of CPA Senedd Branch Rules.**

As part of the Constitution, a review of the Branch Rules was required at the end of each Senedd term.

The Chair noted that the proposed changes for the Branch Rules were not the wholesale changes we had worked through in 2021. Rather, these were modifications proposed to better reflect the way in which we now currently worked (for instance with the establishment of the BIMR LGBT+ Network) as well as to further enhance good governance and wider opportunities for more Branch Members.

The Chair invited the Acting Branch Secretary to speak to the proposed changes with which Members were in agreement.

As part of a discussion on the Branch AGM, Members noted their support for future meetings in the next Senedd to return to being in-person/hybrid meetings.

Afternote: The modified Branch Rules were officially ratified at the Branch AGM of 4 March and would come into effect for the Seventh Senedd.

7. **FUTURE MEETING DATE:**

- 4 March (AGM)

END OF BUSINESS