

## 15<sup>th</sup> March Council Meeting Summary

The President's Dinner had been a great success and he and his family were thanked for a lovely event. The WPCS Awards evening in Llandrindod Wells had also been enjoyed by all the participants. The chairman thanked the staff for all their efforts and apologised for his absence owing to ill health.

Azets (the accountants) went through the financial report for the society for 2023 : the format has changed and a few amendments will have to be made to finalise them. A representative of Azets will be at the AGM.

Access to and applications for County Council grants and the 'Levelling up' Fund was discussed.

The President-elect proposed plans for the venue for her AGM and dinner next year. It was agreed for these to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

The Young Ambassador and her mentor attended to give feedback of her year in office with suggestions for the future. She was thanked and congratulated on her achievements in running events and raising money for her charities.

The CS reported that the delivery time for the Journal was looking to be April. She thanked DR for his help as the process to make all form bilingual had been achieved with his assistance.

Both the office at Bronaeron and the Pavilion at Builth Wells need full surveys as they have maintenance problems. The roof of the Pavilion is being replaced at present. The feasibility of CCTV coverage at both the Pavilion and Bronaeron is to be assessed.

The members who had run the WP&CS Performance Awards so successfully for so many years were retiring from the event. Appreciation of their efforts was expressed. It has been a popular event with an award lunch held in Cheltenham following the prize giving. It is much valued by the participants, particularly the young members and it was felt by trustees it must be continued in some format. A small committee of trustees was set up to look into the whole picture of WPCS awards going forward.

Two judges for the Premium Stallion classes and an increase in funding for the stallion premiums and super premiums were proposed and agreed by all.

Costings had been provided by Weatherbys re DNA/SNPs and it was unanimously agreed that we need to proceed. The chairman and CS will draft an explanation for members. The office has standardised the society's rules and regulations covering registration into one comprehensive document which is now much more explanatory. AK AB CE EG TH DR in favour. EP voted against. MW MD JVP abstain.

A list of new applicants for membership was approved.