

**Swansea City of Sanctuary  
Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday 10th July 2024**

In attendance:

- Over 30 attendees, 24 of which were Pledged Members with voting rights.
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## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

Stephen Richardson (Treasurer) invited Funmilayo Olaniyan (long standing Management Committee member) to Chair this meeting, in the absence of a Chair for SCoS.

*Funmi standing in as Chair for this meeting was accepted.*

Funmi welcomed everyone to the meeting and clarified that Members have voting rights.

We received apologies from: Adella Pritchard (UiD), Erika Kirchner (Cllr. for Penderry), Julie James (Member of the Senedd), Patricia Jones (ILA), Phil Broadhurst (Oxfam), and Tom Cheesman (SASS).

## **2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes from our AGM for 2023 were circulated on 24<sup>th</sup> June. The minutes can be found on the SCoS Google Drive: [SCoS AGM Minutes 2023.pdf](#).

Funmi provided an overview of the minutes:

- Two resolutions were accepted:
  1. Becoming a CIO
  2. Timing of future AGMs
- Acceptance of our new Constitution
- We welcomed 2 new members to the Management Committee
- Alan Thomas stepped down as Chair after 14 years

*The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.*

## **3. Annual Report for 2023/24**

The Annual Report for 2023/24 was circulated. The report can be found on the SCoS Google Drive: [SCoS Annual Report 2023-2024.pdf](#).

Funmi thanked Krys Williams (Management Committee member) for writing the Annual Report.

Funmi provided an overview of the minutes:

- Continuation of Swansea AS&R Coordination facilitation
- Refugee Week 2023 & World Refugee Day highlights
- Successful fundraising (LocalGiving)
- Key Events: Chilean Coup Anniversary, Church visit, Llanelli Unites, Fundraising gig at Elysium, Sanctuary in the Senedd 2023, SASS Art Exhibition & Book Launch
- HarMINDise project collaboration
- Schools of Sanctuary & Lleisiau Profiadol initiatives
- Looking forward: we want to expand our volunteer base

*The Annual Report was accepted.*

## **4. Financial Report**

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The financial documents were circulated prior to the AGM. The documents can be found on the SCoS Google Drive: [SCoS Finance Documents 2024](#)

Stephen Richardson (Treasurer) gave an overview of the SCoS Accounts 2023/24:

- SCoS started the year with healthy financial position of £8290, thanks to the legacy funding from 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- We knew that we would need to raise funds throughout the year to maintain our work. SCoS raised funds at several events during the year: Chilean Commemorative event, HarMINDise Project, SASS Exhibition, Mumbles Churches together visit.
- Stephen thanked Alan and Marilyn Thomas who asked friends and family to donate to SCoS, instead of receiving presents for their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Their generous offer raised over £2500. Additional donations through [LocalGiving](#) and other one-off donations raised a total of £3983. We carried forward £13300.
- Our main expenses are Administrative costs, which are valued, especially as both our long-standing Secretary and Chair have stepped down in recent years, and we have been unable to replace them as yet. We also had spending on travel costs, printing and hiring. Our balance at the end of year was £2280.

Stephen then gave an overview of the SCoS Budget 2024/25:

- Our future plans depend on how much we can raise.
- Community Cohesion Project and Sing for Sanctuary have raised our profile and enabled us to receive funding from the Postcode Lottery and potentially other sources.
- We have been using LocalGiving to raise donations, and are now looking into Easyfundraising and LottoAbertawe.

*The Financial Report was accepted.*

**5. Appointment of Management Committee Members**

No Committee Members from 2023/24 stepped down at this AGM.

The following 7 individuals have agreed to continue as part of the Committee:

- Carys Davies
- Fru Delvis Ngang
- Funmilayo Olaniyan
- Krys Williams
- Martha Ako
- Stephen Richardson
- Tom Avery

The following 3 individuals were nominated to join the Committee:

- Elaine Rees
- Gillian Hull
- Sweeta Durrani

Stephen Richardson has agreed to continue as Treasurer.

Krys Williams has been nominated to stand as Secretary.

*The nominated individuals were accepted unanimously.*

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