

**Swansea City of Sanctuary
Special General Meeting (SGM)
Saturday 20th September 2025**

In attendance - 37 attendees, of which 19 had Pledged Member voting rights: Adella Pritchard (Unity in Diversity), Alan Thomas, Domini Lewis, Elaine Rees, Gareth May (Gower College Swansea), Gillian Hull, Hazel Nixon (proxy vote for Swansea Asylum Seekers Support), Hazle Boyles, Hywel Davies (Capel y Nant), Joan Darbyshire (Swansea Quakers), Kelly Wearing, Krys Williams, Mari Hayman (proxy vote for Glynn Vivian Art Gallery), Marilyn Thomas, Sergei Shubin, Sophie de Marco (Ethnic Youth Support Team), Stephen Richardson, Tom Avery, WFM Staff Member (proxy vote for National Waterfront Museum).

1. Welcome and Apologies

Tom Avery (Co-Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

We received apologies from: Caroline Thraves (University of Wales Trinity St. David), Chris Skudra (Swansea Libraries), Helen Clancy (Swansea Council), Ian Folks (St. James Church), Janet Neilson (Uniting Church Sketty), Jose Cifuentes, Leyla Beattie (City of Sanctuary UK), Sandra Morton (Swansea Asylum Seekers Support), Sian Summers-Rees (City of Sanctuary UK), Sioned Williams MS (Plaid Cymru), Sorupa Ali (Ethnic Youth Support Team), Tom Cheesman (Swansea Asylum Seekers Support).

Tom explained the reasoning behind our call for a Special General Meeting, which is required because Swansea City of Sanctuary is now registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO, Charity Number 1214503). Members will be asked to vote to dissolve the 'old' Swansea City of Sanctuary association and to approve the transfer of all activities, assets, and memberships to the new Swansea City of Sanctuary CIO.

Questions were taken from attendees:

- One Member asked why SCoS decided to become a registered charity. Tom and Stephen Richardson (Treasurer) explained that one key reason is that charity status allows the organisation to access additional funding opportunities.
- One Member raised a question regarding restrictions on campaigning. Tom clarified that while charities cannot support political parties, campaigning and raising awareness are explicitly included in the charity's objects and will continue as part of our work.

2. Resolutions

The Resolutions were circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Tom invited Members to vote:

1. To dissolve Swansea City of Sanctuary (unincorporated association) in line with our 2012 constitution.

Members accepted this resolution unanimously.

2. To transfer all remaining assets to Swansea City of Sanctuary CIO (Charity number 1214503).

Members accepted this resolution unanimously.

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