

14th September 2026 Council Meeting Summary

The chair addressed trustees and thanked them for their attendance.

Sales: she reported that a catalogue of c 500 animals had been entered for the Builth WP&CS Official sale. At the commencement of the sale memorabilia for a past President, Mrs Betty French will be offered.

A continuing issue with **receiving/sending emails** to/from the office was reported - mainly concerned with 'i cloud' addresses. The CS hopes the problem has been resolved now. She agreed to put a 'read' receipt on each email.

The **Animals at War service** is to be held at Regents' Park on 6th November 2026. Jacky Kirk is kindly donating the WP&CS wreath as usual. It was proposed that the President, Matty Attrell, be invited to represent the society together with other representatives.

The **Autumn newsletter**, containing relevant forms, is nearing completion. New trustees will be asked to get DBS checked (those who have not yet been checked were asked to do so).

Delayed/ **late communication** in setting dates was discussed e.g. it was agreed that the date for the 2027 Judges' Conference be on the agenda for the next J&S committee meeting.

The scheduled meeting **at St. Fagan's** has unfortunately been postponed. (EG now has a new date).

The CS reported that the **Vale Hotel** has been booked for the **2027 AGM**, for 2nd/3rd April 2027. She will book/bill trustees for rooms. The **2028 AGM** will be held at a venue TBC on **8th April 2028** and DM announced that the President's Dinner will be at Ty Glyn, Ciliau Aeron.

It was confirmed that next year's **Young Judges' competition** will be held, as this year, by kind permission of Ceri Fell on **Saturday 7th August 2027**. This year's competition had proved a success and a 'wash up' will be on the agenda for the next J&S meeting.

The annual meeting with the **RWAS** will be held at 2 pm on **Monday 5th October 2026** at 2 pm. Agenda items were requested – eg. water points on Horse Hill, poor wifi.

A request had been received, concerning an unofficial sale, for the possible attendance of WP&CS staff to transfer passports. After a vote it was declined as it is not a usual occurrence.

Journal printing and distribution: costs were discussed. Quotations had been received. Some were 'print only', others included design, method and cost of posting was also debated.

Catering at the Pavilion: the CS said that the catering contract with Christine ends this year. There is an option for it to be extended for 2 years. It was agreed that the Finance committee could benefit from having a meeting.

An online J&S committee meeting was arranged for Wednesday 28th October at 2.30pm.

It was agreed that the office order 100 x '125 'Bronze Medal rosettes as they had run out. Any spare can be used at the Performance Awards.

It was agreed that, to transfer a Welsh cob to a Welsh Section C (because of height) the animal has to be 8 years old going forward. There has been substantial research which shows that equines are still growing at 7 years old. Consequently, the JMB has raised the eligibility age to get a **Life Height Certificates to 8 years** old so the WP&CS needs to fall in line with other societies.

Various individual members' matters were addressed, including issues concerning welfare. The **new 'care' booklet** is ready to print so it was agreed to a run of 250 copies. An 'education and welfare' area on the WP&CS website is being developed which will have short videos etc. David Davies has been approached to develop an online museum which could also be accessed by schools.

Dates for meetings of the Members' Services and the International committees (not the International shows' committee) are to be set up.