

1st December 2025 Council Meeting Summary

The chairman welcomed the trustees.

He thanked the CS and staff for achieving the ability for the society to register and passport Welsh Partbreds. Grassroots are sorting out a system to enable their registration. The Breed sales, both official and unofficial, were discussed and also their planning for next year.

After the well documented spate of 'cyber-attacks' on high profile firms, the society is to get cyber insurance and online training will be undertaken by the office staff. A Disaster Recovery plan is also to be developed.

Colleagues have had the annual meeting with the RWAS committee where mutual issues were discussed. After the fires and other incidents on Horse Hill during the year the RWAS have set up a committee to address these problems, including the improvement of the parking of vehicles to meet the Fire Officer and HSE demands.

On 7th November WPCS representatives attended the Animal Memorial Service at Hyde Park, London. The society regards this as a very important date in the calendar and were very grateful to Mrs Jacky Kirk who, as usual, kindly donated the WPCS wreath. She was thanked for her continuing contribution. The Semi Feral Foal inspection, by request, has been put back until the New Year. Two inspectors were proposed for 2026.

The chairman and vice-chairman represented the society at the Showing Awards dinner as the WPCS had sponsored the Native Pony of the Year.

The CS announced that a new system of invoicing has been introduced where invoices can be generated and payments can be paid through STRIPE. The office also hopes use Go Cardless for Direct Debit processing moving forward.

The Young Ambassador is very keen, with full support from council, to hold a Charity Equestrian Auction and it was suggested that this might be held at the Performance Awards in February.

The office had been busy during the Winter Fair. They processed a number of transfers of ownership which members were very grateful for. As usual, the colouring competition was very popular with the youngsters.

Entries for the WPCS Awards have now closed and the office has been busy compiling points.

The CS has put in an application for defibrillator for the office after requests.

Continuing maintenance issues at both the Pavilion and also the offices were raised. MD very kindly said that he would look at them if he could be given a list.

The CS said that the office had been developing and trialling an online system for registering foals which they hope will go live next year.

Digital membership as a new type of membership had previously been discussed, i.e. all communications being by email so all online including a PDF copy of the journal. It was agreed to put this in motion.

Finally, the WPCS Driving Judges' Panel urgently needs expansion so ways to do this were discussed to come back to council at the next meeting