

1. Welcome, present and apologies

- Andy welcomed everyone.
- Present: Andy, Fred, Jonathan, Jeremy, Paul, Lauren, and Mike
- Apologies: John, Neil, and Rob

Andy had provided a new Zoom link, after the agenda had been published so there was some There were some technical issues with the Zoom meeting link, which Andy would investigate.

2. Actions from previous meeting

Andy reviewed the outstanding tasks in basecamp. The task owners had updated any that have been completed, and providing clarification or updates as needed.

- a. The action to requests for iPads will be progressed with the Branch Budget.
- b. Andy hadn't been contacted, about managing social media, no one had received the To-Do from basecamp.
- c. Paul asked that History of Computing be added to the agenda, as agreed at the history of computing meeting since the last meeting.

NB Please follow the link [Basecamp](#)

3. Update from Branch Chair

3.1. BCS Communities SWB portal page

- a. The branch specific page has been launched.
- b. The interface isn't as intuitive to use as others
- c. Suggest we use our social media profiles, to promote this page
- d. The full discourse site is now open to all members

Links: <https://community.bcs.org/>
<https://community.bcs.org/c/south-wales-committee/15>

3.2. BCS Bursary Scheme

- a. Andy provided an update on the meeting with the Head of Education for this, and confirmed that BCS would be in contact once the scheme is ready.
- b. Paul was happy there would be a link to the existing STEM group.
- c. Wales may not have the demographic profile to reach the BCS target audience, although it's broadly defined at the moment.
- d. The committee agreed to support the BCS Bursary in South Wales.

3.3. History of computing @ Swansea Uni

- a. Following Pauls comments above, Andy provided and overview of the request.
- b. Jeremy provided an overview of the collection, overseen by John Tucker, and how it's and could be used.
- c. The committee has been asked to support them in two projects:
 - i. The history of the BCS in South Wales, this may be time limited, expected to be short term.
 - ii. Create a working group to gather oral histories and artifacts, for the history of computing in South Wales, which expected to be longer term.
- d. The 'Archives of IT' event in May could be a suitable springboard for this.

- e. Paul has started to gather information from our online archive.
- f. Andy suggested that we may ask our members to volunteer to support us in this, to reduce the burden on the existing volunteers.
- g. It was agreed that a new item should be added to the standing agenda, as topic 8 to track this work.

Link: <https://3.basecamp.com/3429175/buckets/7092835/vaults/4812591202>

4. Update from Mid-Wales Branch Chair

- a. Last event went well, 'Predicting Solar Flares with Machine Learning'
- b. The next event may be on AI
- c. Jeremy asked if the postponed event for Computers and Biology by was planned to be rescheduled, Fred agreed to provide an update once a new date has been agreed.

5. Update from Branch Treasure

- a. The budget has been submitted, we are just pending a response
- b. The budget can be accessed in Basecamp

Link: <https://3.basecamp.com/3429175/buckets/7092835/vaults/4748082185>

6. Update on Early Careers and Equality & Diversity Liaison

- a. Lauren, The Early Careers is progressing well.
- b. Lauren, Fintech Wales.
- c. Lauren, since changing jobs is unable to access GoTo meetings, both Jeremy and Andy agreed to support her for the above event.
- d. Lauren, asked if we would use the suggested Intro and Outro slides. There are some technical issues. However, Andy would use the slides in this meeting for the first time.
- e. Lauren, will need to step back from the committee, and will hand over her work to Andy.
- f. The committee thanked Lauren for all her hard work and commitment over the last few years.
- g. Paul suggested that we ask the members if they would consider being a co-opt member. Andy also planned to ask if HQ could provide any support.
- h. Paul also mentioned the current lack of diversity of the committee.

7. Update from STEM Outreach Working Group

- a. Paul explained the agreed next steps for the working group.
 - i. The Welsh language translation and review is in progress.
 - ii. Upload new resources to the STEM Portal.
 - iii. Engage with Sian on all activities.
 - iv. Record the simulation, so the video could be used when Lewis is unavailable.
 - v. Next Science fare is in a few months in Swansea, further information to follow.
- b. Paul and Jeremy said the Mar's Day went well, although it over ran because of the volume of questions.
- c. Michael asked if the Mars Rover could be a suitable topic of a future DVLA prize, which Paul would consider over the coming year.

8. Update from Events Coordinator

8.1. Overall Plan

- a. The last meeting, jointly with the IET was cancelled by the IET, Paul agreed to make contact and understand if it would be rescheduled to June.
- b. Our next meeting is Lauren's Fintech Wales, that we hope the committee will support her on.
- c. Jeremy, asked Paul for an update on the May IET event
- d. Jeremy, will follow up with Fred, who had previously left the meeting, on the National Eisteddfod event.
- e. Jeremy, was happy that we had a plan for this calendar year and agreed we had many events ideas for next year. However, now may be a good time to start initiate discussions on how to make them a reality.
- f. Jeremy, asked for more time at the next committee meeting to discuss the events for 2023, Andy suggested we either focus next month's meeting on this, or have a separate planning meeting for around 45-60 minutes.

NB These events can be accessed in [Basecamp](#)

9. Any Other Business

- a. Jeremy, mentioned a previous committee member, had recently been in contact to wish all the committee members good luck for the future.

10. Date of Next Meeting

NB The next meeting's date was confirmed as 4 May 2022.

11. Resources

- Member data [Microsoft Power BI](#).
- Branch [basecamp](#).
- Branch [website](#).
- Branch [linkedin](#).
- BCS [Discourse](#)
- BCS Organisation Membership [site](#).
- Welsh Senedd Shaping Wales Future consolation [link](#).

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