



**Annual General Meeting of the Manx Branch of the Celtic Congress
held in the Guild Room, Atholl Street, Peel at 3.15pm on Saturday 2nd November 2019.**

1. Failt liorish yn Eaghtyrane - Eaghtyrane's Welcome

Brian Kerwin welcomed members in his capacity as Eaghtyrane/President and officially opened the meeting.

2. Fograghyn baaish – Obituary notices

Members observed a minute's silence in memory of Brian Stowell, who passed away on 18th January 2019.

3. Giare-hennaghys y CCB 2018 - Minutes of the AGM 2018

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 3rd November 2018 were agreed as a correct record of proceedings and were signed by the Eaghtyrane/President.

4. Tuarastyl y Tashteyder Onn - Tashteyder Onn's Report

The Tashteyder Onn/Hon Treasurer, Robin Callister, circulated the accounts and explained the details. This was Mr Callister's final report as Tashteyder Onn/Hon Treasurer as he had announced as part of his Report in 2018 that he would be standing down at the end of the year (see item 6). It was resolved unanimously that the Report be approved.

5. Tuarastyl y Screeudeyr Onn - Screeudeyr Onn's Report

The Screeudeyr Onn/Hon Secretary, Robard y Carsalagh, circulated his report outlining the successful programme for 2018-19. His report also touched on the International Celtic Congress held in Newquay, Cornwall in April 2019 (see item 8) and to be held in Aberystwyth, Wales in July 2020 (see item 9). It was resolved unanimously that the Report be approved.

6. Reihys jeh oaseiryn – Election of officers

It was resolved that the following officers and committee members, who had indicated their willingness to be nominated, be elected –

Eaghtyrane - President : Brian Kerwin

Lhiass-Eaghtyrane - Vice-President : Stewart Bennett

Screeudeyr Onn – Hon Secretary : Robard y Carsalagh

Olteynyn y Ving - Members of the Committee : Judy Bennett, Sandra Caley, Maralyn Crellin,
Mairead Kerwin and Patricia Skillicorn

It was noted that there were two vacancies for committee members, for anyone willing to serve, and members might be co-opted. However, the main issue was the appointment of a Tashteyder Onn/Hon Treasurer. In the meantime the Screeudeyr Onn/Hon Secretary was willing to act in that capacity.

7. **Claare dy haghirtyn 2019-20 – Programme of Events 2019-20**

The Screeudeyr Onn/Hon Secretary circulated a list of events for 2019-20. Following today's talk by **James Franklin** on the theme *Recording our past to help inform our future* –

7th December : Tony Quirk – *Living above the shop;*

4th January : Janice Quilliam – *Do you remember? Peel in living memory,*

with photographs from the collection of Leslie Quilliam RBV

1st February : Chris Callow – *Intack farms in the Manx uplands – from enclosure to abandonment*

7th March : Katie Newton – *A whistlestop tour of Manx keills*

4th April : Steve Wright – *Manx wildlife watching* (including his own films and photographs)

2nd May : Excursion – *The Port, Ballaugh* (meet at Ballaugh Plantation car park at 2.00pm)

The suggested excursion in May would involve quite a lot of rough walking, which might not perhaps be suitable, and a leader was still to be found. Whilst included in the programme, some further thought would be given to an alternative which would not involve so much rough walking.

8. **Cohaglym Celtiagh Eddy-Ashoonagh 2019 International Celtic Congress**

The Screeudeyr Onn/Hon Secretary circulated a report about the International Celtic Congress 2019 which had taken place in April in Newquay in Cornwall, at which the theme was *Recording our past to help inform our future*. There had been no motions put forward this year.

The Scottish Branch treasurer, Donald MacDonald, had reported at the International Business Meeting in Newquay that the Scottish Branch might be coming to an end. Sandra Caley had recently visited An Mòd and met Jean Campbell, the Scottish Branch secretary, who had been ill for some time, and also Donald MacDonald, who reported that the Scottish Branch was still managing to continue.

9. **Cohaglym Celtiagh Eddy-Ashoonagh 2020 International Celtic Congress**

The 2020 ICC was to be held 20th-25th July in Aberystwyth, Wales and the theme was to be *How to be successfully Celtic in a modern business world*.

The Screeudeyr Onn/Hon Secretary had asked Yn Greinneyder, the Manx Language Development Officer of Culture Vannin, Adrian Cain, about giving a presentation, as he worked with businesses through the group, *Pobble*, consisting of people involved in business using the Manx language and other elements of Manx culture to make them distinctive in the commercial world. However, no commitment had yet been made, so any other offers or suggestions would be welcome.

10. **Cohaglym Celtiagh Eddy-Ashoonagh 2022 International Celtic Congress**

The ICC would return to the Island in 2022. Thought needed to be given now to a suitable theme and other ideas, including a suitable venue, so that details can be given out in 2021.

11. **Kaartyn – Cards**

Two members of the Manx Branch, Hillary Bruce and former Lhiass-Eaghtyrane Alick Kissack, had not been well. It was agreed that cards should be sent to them to wish them well. It was also agreed that a card be sent to the Scottish Branch secretary, Jean Campbell.

12. **Closure of Meeting**

The meeting was officially closed by yn Eaghtyrane/President.