



**CARDIFF ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
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**Minutes of EGM of Cardiff Astronomical Society Thursday 21st July at 7.30pm, Cardiff  
University**

**1 Apologies for Absence**

None received.

**2 Report on Society's Adoption of Registered Charity Status**

Cedric Longville reviewed the current status: CAS is already a charity but isn't registered. Its income is more than £5k so it is obliged to register. CAS/CIO will be a legal entity, so it could for example take on the lease of the observatory from the National Trust, and will also be able to recover income tax and look for grants.

CL answered questions from the floor:

-Are trustees liable?

Not for debts, only for misuse of funds.

-Where can we get grants from?

Lots of sources, eg lottery. There may be restrictions on some grants which will place a burden on CAS but the advantages outweigh this.

-Who would be responsible if grants have to be refunded?

This would depend on the conditions of the grant and responsible use by the Trustees.

-Can tax be recovered on private donations as well?

Yes.

In conclusion, CL hoped to submit the documents to the Charity Commission within a week: the process should take 6 weeks to completion. Members need to agree to allow their membership to be transferred to the new entity. Kayleigh will act on this.

### **3 Election of Tellers**

Owen Cornelius and Peter Badcock were approved as Tellers.

### **4 Motion for Debate**

Proposed by Rob Jones and seconded by John Richards:

**This Meeting agrees that the Society shall:**

- **seek to establish and register with the Charity Commission the Cardiff Astronomical Society as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (“the new CIO”)**
- **revoke the existing Constitution and Rules of the Cardiff Astronomical Society, such revocation to take effect on the date of registration of the new CIO**
- **for the purposes of establishing and registering the new CIO, adopt the draft of a new Constitution based on the draft circulated to members on 13 Ju 2016 and copies of which have been made available at this Meeting**
- **elect suitable persons to act as Trustees of the new CIO and to carry out any other necessary business relating to its creation**
- **as soon as possible after the CIO has been registered, transfer all the undertakings, assets and liabilities of the current Cardiff Astronomical Society to the new CIO**
- **aim to complete this process by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and report progress to members by email and on the Cardiff Astronomical Society website**

Attendees completed their voting slips which were duly placed into the ballot box and counted. 34 voted in favour of the motion, 1 against, there were no spoilt votes.

It was noted that only 33 people had signed the attendance book for the EGM whereas the actual attendance was 35. This minor discrepancy was not significant and the vote was accepted as valid.

### **5 Appointment of Trustees for the new CIO**

Chair introduced the candidates for Trustee: Theresa Cooper, Robert Jones, Phil Wallace, Peter Crabb, Alan Stephens and Cedric Longville for the first year only. Chair invited further nominations from the floor but none were declared so a vote was proposed, seconded and held. All candidates were voted on individually and elected unanimously.

With this the EGM concluded at 8pm.

**End**

