

British Myriapod and Isopod Group
Minutes of 25th AGM
Friday 11 April 2025
Berkhamsted

Present:

Kieran Anderson	Tony Barber
Joss Carr	Molly Carter
Maaïke de Voogd	Kay Dinsdale
Una Garland	Nicola Garnham
Steve Gregory	Joan Hardingham
Tom Hughes	Paul Lee
Warren Maguire	Dawid Martyniuk
Annie Northfield	Helen Read
Paul Richards	David Scott Langley
Duncan Sivell	Stephanie Skipp
Jessica Thomas Thorpe	Matt Vosper
Sheila Warbus	

1. Apologies

Kevin Clements, Paul Harding, Angela Lidgett, Dafydd Lewis, Graham Proudlove

2. Minutes of the 24th AGM held on 5 April 2024

These were agreed as accurate and were adopted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Secretary's Report - Helen Read

See separate report.

5. Treasurer's Report - Paul Harding

See separate report. BMIG is solvent. The main transactions relate to the field meeting.

6. Recording Scheme Reports

a. Centipedes – Steve Gregory

See separate report.

b. Millipedes - Paul Lee

See report.

c. Woodlice – Thomas Hughes

See report.

d. Intertidal Isopods - Warren Maguire

See report. One species name we use in Britain (*Jaera nordmanni*) is not the same as used elsewhere (*Jaera nordica*). We can't change that on the official British lists but it is causing some confusion.

7. Bulletin Report - Helen Read

See report. Any further copy welcome. The Bulletin is open access and free to publish. It is a good starting place for people who don't have much experience of publishing and we can offer support.

8. Newsletter Report - Warren Maguire

See report. Warren offered his apologies that no newsletter was produced last autumn, due initially to slow copy coming in and then pressure of work.

Tom and Annie are going to have a look and see if they can put a newsletter together.

9. Library and collections update - Steve Gregory / Dafydd Lewis (interim)

No update. There are some specimens from Somerset to add to the collection. A few books will be added from the late Desmond Kime.

10. Events and Exhibitions update - Dafydd Lewis

Tables are booked for the AES exhibition in the autumn. Duncan, Annie, Tom and Helen are likely to be attending. Any further helpers would be very welcome.

11. Social Media update - Warren Maguire

See report. Facebook is our main area of activity and this is very active. Twitter followers have gone down but there are still some posts which Warren tries to respond to. Should we expand to have a BlueSky account? Dawid expressed a willingness to set up a BlueSky account for BMIG.

12. Website Report - Steve Gregory

The website is being kept up-to-date with new species being added.

Dawid asked about expanding the sections on pauropods and symphylids – It was agreed these would be welcomed.

It was asked if we have any statistics about the website, how many visits for example? Steve replied that it is technically possible but needs some help from BRC to do this.

13. Field meetings update

Kevin was not able to join us this year but he did do a lot of the preparation work.

Thanks were expressed to Kevin for organising the site permissions for the meeting.

In 2026 the target area is north Cumbria. We have provisionally booked a location and David Scott-Langley has already started preparing and looking for sites. Next year's accommodation will be a bit more expensive, perhaps £350 for the weekend (this year was particularly cheap).

2027 location: Several areas would be good to visit for recording but the most challenging part is finding suitable accommodation. If anyone has anyone has any suggestions please mention them to someone on the Committee.

14. Election of Officers

Treasurer – Paul has stepped down as Treasurer. Thanks were given to Paul for his service over many years. Paul had been presented with a picture of a woodlouse at the

committee meeting the previous day in recognition of his time and effort over many years.

Event and exhibitions organiser – Dafydd Lewis was willing to stand again.

Field meeting organiser – Kevin Clements was willing to stand for this position.

Duncan suggested we should elect Dafydd and Kevin 'en bloc'. This was proposed by Nicola Garnham and seconded by David Scott-Langley. Both were duly elected.

Resources Officer – No one else had expressed an interest but Graham Proudlove had indicated he would be willing to stand again if there were no other candidates. Graham was proposed by Steve Gregory, seconded by Nicola Garnham and was duly elected.

Projects Officer – Jess Thomas Thorpe had expressed an interest in standing as Projects Officer. She was proposed by Maake de Voogd, seconded by Warren Maguire and elected.

David Scott-Langley is organising the next meeting and the Committee proposed that he should be coopted to the Committee for the year. This was proposed by Warren Maguire and seconded by Joan Hardingham.

Librarian and collections manager role is currently unfilled but Dafydd Lewis and Steve Gregory have been keeping an eye on them. If anyone is interested in taking on the roles please let someone on the Committee know. Both are based at Dinton Pastures, Reading where the BENHS have a building.

15. Date of next AGM

This will be the Friday evening of the next field meeting (which is 10 April 2026).

16. Any other business

Records from this meeting – to Helen. Please send in records for any group, not just the BMIG ones. Suggestions to help collate these included setting up a joint spreadsheet (Tom could help with this) or setting it up as an activity on iRecord.

Note that records from previous meetings in Wales (2024) and Cannington (2023) are also overdue.

The books on the table were from Desmond Kime and were free (donations to BMIG welcome).

The first Women in Entomology networking meeting is being held on 10 May at College Lake near Tring. Helen has contact details if anyone would like to attend.