

Celtic League AGM 2007

Resolutions Passed, Cymru

Alba

This AGM:

Congratulates the Scottish Football Association on including 'Alba' on its national strip and requests that 'Alba' is moved to the front of the shirt. Calls on the Scottish Rugby Union to do likewise.

This AGM:

Calls on the Scottish Government and political parties to develop specific policy on promoting and funding Shinty.

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Calls for a major Scottish television channel, not an English regional opt-out.

Cymru

Mae'r Gynhadledd yn nodi nifer o enghreifftiau dros yr haf o wahardd siarad Cymraeg yn y gweithle (Thomas Cook, Tesco/Adecco, La Voile), a bod ansicrwydd cyfreithiol am y polisiau hyn. Mae'r Gynhadledd yn annog y canghennau cenedlaethol eraill i'n hysbysu am unrhyw sefyllfaoedd tebyg yn eu gwledydd nhw neu hawliau gweithwyr yn y fath sefyllfaoedd./ *The AGM notes a series of incidents this summer in Wales of employers denying their workers the right to speak in Welsh (Thomas Cook, Tesco/Adecco, La Voile), and the legal uncertainty surrounding this practice. The AGM invites other national branches to report on what rights workers in similar situations have in their countries or whether similar bans are happening.*

Éire

- This AGM deplores the Irish Minister of Education, Mary Hanafin's, decision to ban the early Irish immersion programme practiced in many Irish medium schools (Gaelscoileanna) in the Republic and calls upon her to rescind this and listen to those who call for a research informed decision. We congratulate the Minister of Education in the North of Ireland, Catiriona Ruane, for confirming that early Irish immersion programmes in gaelscoileanna in the North will continue.
- This AGM confirms the continuance of the subcommittee to examine the direction of the League, its organisation, finances, Carn and publications and viability for the future and calls on it to submit a final implementation report by the end of 2007.
- The membership/sub fees be increased to €24, £ 14.50stg, Europe (airmail) £20. Outside Europe £22. Carn prices to be maintained at €4 and £3stg.

Kernow

- That the Annual General Meeting of the Celtic League in Cardiff on 29th September, 2007, calls upon the Westminster Government and the Office for National Statistics to include a specific Cornish tick box in the Census planned for 2011 so giving the Cornish people parity with the other Celtic Nations and National Minorities of Great Britain.
- That the Annual General Meeting of the Celtic League in Cardiff on 29th September, 2007, calls upon the Westminster Government, Cornwall Council and other bodies to legislate and allow for the retention of all strategies and policies, including those of culture, to remain within the co-terminus boundary of Cornwall and under the control of institutions within the Duchy.

General Secretary

1. In the light of the SNP White Paper on Independence, the Celtic League supports the campaign for a referendum on independence and seeks to widen acceptance for this goal.
2. The Celtic League supports the Chief Constable of North Wales Police, Richard Brunstrom, suggestion that the police units in Gwynedd wear their own distinct Welsh uniform and for his idea to be emulated throughout Wales.
3. The Celtic League seeks the repatriation of Noel Maguire to a prison in Éire, in consideration of the physical and psychological stress that the prisoner has been under over the last year and being the last of six co-defendants to remain in a prison in England.
4. The Celtic League looks forward to the creation of a bilingual Cornish and English preschool and supports attempts to establish the same through cooperation with individuals and other groups.
5. The Celtic League believes that the limited coverage of Cornish/Scottish/Welsh politics by the BBC in London on its network news programmes demonstrates that it is mostly interested in news items that only affect England. This AGM calls on Cornwall County Council (and its successor), the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh Senedd to campaign for the full devolution of broadcasting to Cornwall, Scotland and Wales and calls on Celtic League members to consider withdrawing their TV licence payment in protest.

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6. In particular, seeks to raise the profile, position and use of the different Celtic languages in the Celtic countries and internationally, during the UN International Year of Languages 2008.
7. The Celtic League, being a long term campaigner against nuclear energy, reiterates its position by the rejection of the building of new nuclear power stations in the Celtic countries. In addition the CL looks forward to the decommissioning of existing nuclear power stations in Wylfa, Wales and Dounreay, Hunterston B Power Station and Torness nuclear power station in Scotland. We note and commend the present Scottish

Government's opposition to new nuclear installations.

8. For the Celtic League to build on its links, develop cooperation and establish new contacts with other organisations and groups internationally that work to promote the Celtic languages, culture and identity of the Celtic people e.g. Office of Gaelic Affairs in Nova Scotia.

This AGM:

9. Supports the setting up of a subcommittee to explore the possibilities of establishing a Celtic League Foundation at its 50th anniversary in 2011 in Cymru, in recognition of the contribution of Alan Heusaff (its first General Secretary) to the work of the League and inter-Celtic cooperation in general.