

Candidates seeking election at PAVO AGM 2018

Existing PAVO Trustees seeking re-election

Jamie Burt

Jamie was brought up in the Montgomeryshire area and studied politics and international relations at Keele University in Staffordshire.

Jamie went on to become the youngest licensee in Powys whilst leasing the Lion Hotel in Caerhowel for two years after university, before a complete change of pace moving to Abu Dhabi in the UAE to work in finance for Globaleye Wealth Management.

Now back in Wales and living in Tregynon Jamie is working as a Director at Siawns Teg in Newtown and as a member of the senior management team at Gregynog Hall. Jamie has found it hugely interesting and educational to be part of this process of transfer and the setting up of a third sector charitable trust at Gregynog.

Keith Rollinson

Keith has been a self employed businessman for most of his working life and now has a smallholding near Welshpool, Keith also cares for his wife Su, who has MS. He was elected to the MS Cymru Council in September 2008 and served on this Council for 6yrs.

Keith is semi-retired and works as an RYA Senior Sailing Instructor, In 2007 Keith and Su started a disabled sailing group based at Clywedog. He is also the RYA Regional Officer for promotion of Disabled Sailing for Wales. He has been a former chairperson of Round Table, Rotary and Sailing Clubs. Keith is also an active member of the Montgomeryshire MS and serves on various health and social care committees throughout Powys and he is a volunteer skipper for the Heulwen Trust. Keith was elected to the Board in 2011.

Ruth Parry Wright

Ruth, until recently was employed as the manager of Radnorshire Women's Aid and worked closely with colleagues across the voluntary sector and public services to support victims of abuse and their children. She worked for PAVO for 9 months as the Older Peoples Strategy Participation Officer and then as Project Officer for the sustainable funding review at PAVO. As such she gained an invaluable insight into Powys' voluntary sector and the national perspective of the workings of voluntary organisations.

Ruth has a wide range of skills and experience gained over a 20 year career in the public sector, the last five years within the Powys Education Department. Having supported governing bodies she is fully cognisant of the legislative frameworks within which voluntary bodies are required to operate.

Prospective Trustees seeking election to the Board

Margaret Evitts

Margaret has an interest in children and education gained from a long career in the education system. Margaret was a head teacher for over 20 years, during that time she became an active member of the National Association of Head Teachers and was elected to their National Executive in 1999 to represent North and Mid-Wales. In that role she chaired one of the national committees and represented the organisation in meetings with government at both Westminster and Cardiff. Margaret is a trustee with Dyfodol, Powys Futures an organisation that works with children and families to improve their lives.

She is also a Bishop's Visitor for the St Asaph Diocese which helps her to keep in touch with education and schools. Margaret sees the benefit of statutory and voluntary sectors working together and gained experience in partnership working through being a member of the Early Years Partnership. She continues to support this approach through her role as Diocese Representative on Powys County Council Learning, Skills and Economy Scrutiny Committee. Margaret feels her knowledge and experience of successful partnership working may be of benefit to PAVO and the voluntary sector in these difficult and challenging times.

Peter Swanson

Peter has had a career in the food and agriculture sector, spending over 40 years farming in Montgomeryshire as well as being director of various agricultural marketing co-operatives and a member of Wales Agricultural Board. He also found time to undertake a range of public and voluntary sector appointments. He was a Justice of the Peace for thirty years, serving as Chair of the Bench for four years. He served as a member of Dyfed Powys Health Authorities for eight years and chaired the Authority during that time.

Having an interest in education he has served as a primary school governor, Governor of Coleg Powys, Board Member of Powys Training and Enterprise Council and the Powys Agricultural Training Committee. Peter is a private rental landlord in Newtown and was appointed as a Member of Mid-Wales Housing Association in 2012 and has been Chair of the Board since 2017. He is currently Chair of South West Shropshire Learning Trust, Board Member of Care and Repair in Powys and a Trustee of Citizen's Advice Powys.