

CELTIC NATION KERNOW

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SATURDAY 14th March 2026
At Moresk Centre, St Clement's Street, Truro, TR1 1EQ
Commencing at 2.00pm

AGENDA

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Obituaries
4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15th March 2025
5. Chairman's Report (including an update from the Vice Chair of the past year's activities)
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Election of the Officers: - All existing Officers are re-standing with small role changes (en block)
 - Honorary President: Ray Chubb
 - Honorary Vice President *
 - Honorary Chairman Len Sheppard
 - Honorary Vice Chairman *
 - Honorary Secretary Denise Chubb
 - Minutes Secretary Wendy Curnow
 - Honorary Treasurer Jerry Rogers
 - Committee Members Will Emmett
Maria Walker
 - Events & Activity Coordinator A new role as part of a sub-committee to help create and coordinate activities. A proactive person within Kernow.

* Being left vacant at present

National Representatives: *These are new roles and can be shared or part of a national grouping*
To help share national cultural information for website/newsletters and look to create mainly online activities bringing together and sharing Celtic cultural heritage.

Alba **Magaidh Smith:** (Western Isles) *Another from mainland Alba would be most welcome*
Breizh
Cymru
Eire
Mannin

8. Election of the Trustees
9. Any Other Business
10. Date of the Annual General Meeting 2027

Post Meeting:

Light refreshments will be available and this will provide an opportunity to chat and ask further questions and share ideas. Those on-line via Zoom are welcome to continue to participate if they wish to do so and speak to any of the committee or members.

Short Presentation/s : From one or more of the Celtic nations - speaker/s to be confirmed

Len Sheppard: *On Cornish Identity - Len is a newspaper Cornish heritage columnist and blogger*

Maggie Smith: *Maggie runs a number of Scottish Gaelic heritage activities in the Western Isles*

Lack of a proactive **Events & Activity Coordinator** to work with the committee has caused some of the projected activities to be postponed. We hope that with a proactive person in that role that a number of social events can take place here in Kernow and online. These may include sharing activities online hosted in any one of the Celtic Nations. We hope that informal trips might in time be planned for members to visit each of the six Celtic nations allowing for group travel savings.

Since the rebranding of Celtic Congress Cornwall to Celtic Nation Kernow the committee has concentrated on promoting ourselves to a far wider audience through the website and social media as well as heritage events throughout Kernow. Membership has grown tenfold to approaching 400 across all the Celtic nations and social media has also attracted an increased number of followers with Facebook at nearly 3,300.

Attending heritage events has allowed us to promote ourselves and our aims as well as educating people about the Celtic nations, their languages and culture. Schools have become interested and we will continue our work with them and Truro College in sharing information about Celtic themes including our languages.

To increase our ability to share information about the other Celtic nations than Kernow we really do need people from those nations to join us in providing information, organising events and other activities. It would be great to see a team working together through a representative who can coordinate with the Kernow committee.

There is increasing interest in Celtic languages and it would be interesting if there were Celtic national language speakers who could provide some online education, even at a basic level. This could be coordinated through Zoom. One of the aims of the renewed Celtic Nation Kernow was to better engage with young people using technology and modern forms of communication

There is increasing interest in Celtic cultural heritage across all the Celtic world and beyond. All the Celtic nations have large worldwide diaspora who are interested in learning more. Celtic Nation Kernow is ambitious to facilitate this but we can only do what time allows and with the support of people who share similar ambitions for their own nations.

If you or a team are interested in taking up a role as National Representatives please contact Len, who is coordinating this, at celticationkernow@gmail.com as soon as possible before the AGM

Those responding for Zoom will receive a link prior to the AGM. This is limited to the first 90 people.

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