

## **Minutes 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015 Cobblers Tea Rooms**

### **Present:**

**Julia Blazer, Rick Coldicott, Christopher Spry, Nathan Morley, David Ross, Punch Maugham, Lee Evans, Kay Evans, Sharon Millar and Liz Bickerton.**

### **Apologies:**

**Sian Miller and Dave Howells**

**1. Welcomes and minutes. Christopher Spry Vice Chair ran meeting due to absence of Dave Howells.**

**2. Update on Sennybridge toilets.**

**Sharon reported on Monday night's meeting with Maescar CC on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. The clerk to CC had produced a draft agreement for Custodial Trusteeship of the conveniences. The general feeling was that there was a high level of supervision required through this and it was not seen as necessary according to advice received so far from PAVO.**

**Sharon to email Claire Sterry from PAVO to ask about alternative Custodial Trustees agreement with a named individual instead of the CC. The officers of the UUV agreed this route would be preferable.**

**Punch had sent out a poster to the group regarding the takeover of the toilets in Glasbury.**

**Sharon to speak to the Glasbury group about how they approached the project.**

**Punch to speak to Jane Foxley from Talybont On Usk about their conveniences.**

**Julia reported that Jane Ryall will meet the group soon to discuss whether we need to become a charity and how we can strengthen the constitution.**

**3. Vision For Phase 2 – discussion prior to next meeting with Claire Sterry PAVO in early September.**

**Julia envisages a nice space - open plan visitor centre with funded full time/part time members of staff. There would remain a toilet facility of 2 cubicles – one disabled and one unisex.**

**Nathan and Sharon agreed with Julia's ideas.**

**Liz suggested that as part of Phase 1 we collect evidence and comments to see what people think. She also suggested painting the loos and possibly bringing in the theme of planets to fit in with Dark Skies. The collection of evidence isn't just about finding out what people think but is essential to demonstrate a need for any public money towards Phase 2. Any funder, whether being asked for £500 or £500,000 will want the group to demonstrate both need now and sustainability beyond any grants.**

**David emphasised that marketing of this was very important.**

**4. Sennybridge Show**

**Rick to check size of the gazebo he has access to.**

**Sharon suggested leaflets/flyers to give out at show to let people know what we have been doing.**

**It was also suggested that we produce a questionnaire for people to give views on reopening of the toilets and the future visitor centre.**

**Julia suggested a backdrop banner with UUV logo - she will source to find out cost.**

**Activities suggested: selling boxes, pinboard, apple bobbing.**

**A Sennybridge Show subgroup was set up:**

**Sharon, Rick, David, Christopher and Julia – we will liaise.**

**5. Trecastle Flower Festival – 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Theme this year – Agincourt 600.**

**At the same time the official Agincourt exhibition will be on show in St Davids Church**

**Kay asks for some posters about this for Sennybridge. Sharon will email Gillian Burns.**

**The group would like to wish Dave Howells well with the Trecastle based initiative for Agincourt 600 and hopes to share and support the event.**

**6. AORB**

**Liz - Ramblers Association initiative called PATHWATCH – every grid square covered to survey and monitor paths**

**Christopher – mentioned the forthcoming closure of part of the circular walk around the Usk Reservoir. Sharon has already put this on FB and Punch on Wordpress.**

**Important to inform guests/customers etc that from 14<sup>th</sup> August a section will be closed for 10 weeks.**

**Sharon – to chase up Wayfarer Markers**

**David- we have collected 45 GBP for Catrin. We are going to invite Catrin to our next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> Aug if she can make it.**

**Rick – warned of approaching date for Expression of interest in Leader Plus funding.**

**7. Next Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> Aug Cobblers 6.30pm**