

**Upper Usk Valley Rural Alliance**  
**Minutes of meeting on 18th April 2018**  
**Tafarn-y-Garreg**

**Present:**

Julia Blazer (JB) - Treasurer	David Blazer (DB)	Roos Geraerds	Dave Howells (DH) - Chair
Sharon Millar (ShM)	Siân Miller (SM) - Secretary (Minutes)		Chris Northover (CN)
Annette Scale(AS)			

**Apologies:**

Barry Alderslade	Nicky Alderslade	Gwenda Davies	Kay Evans	Lee Evans
Malcolm Liddell	Angharad Loveluck	Peter Thomas	Sandra Thomas	Christopher Spry
Linda Wickham	Kathy Williams	Les Williams		

1) Minutes from the previous meeting (March13th 2018) were accepted.

**2) Matters Arising - None**

**3) Reprinting pamphlets**

JB reported that £380 has been received. DH will chase the outstanding money. It was agreed that Sennybridge Taxis (Rob Taxi) should be invited to contribute. 3000 copies are ordered and should arrive this week. 2000 will go straight for distribution and it was agreed to buy plastic boxes which will be stored in the back room at the lavatories ad interim. It was agreed to buy plastic stands (20) for display in the the well-trafficked locations like cafes and information centres.

**4) Becoming a dementia friendly community**

SM asked people to respond to the invitation to a Dementia Friends training event (link sent with last minutes and agenda) and will pass information on to Nikki Alderslade to promote this.

**5) Becoming a charity**

Signatures still needed from Barry Alderslade, Linda Wickham, Peter Thomas and Sandra Thomas for the *Trustee Eligibility* form. SM will leave the form with RG for those people to sign.

**6) Sennybridge Toilets**

The meeting agreed that the the double window option is more attractive and that we should proceed on that basis although there will be a 3 week lag in applying for planning. This will also allow us to start to apply for further grants.

DH suggested that closing times for the lavatories are more flexible in the lighter evenings. There is no insurance implication. The meeting agreed except not on the days when they are cleaned.

**7) Rural Futures**

Peter Willis (Severn Wye Agency) is now making slow contact with the local councils. DH will chase him at the Llywel Council meeting on May 17th. PW would like to join the next UUV meeting on May 23rd.

**8) Membership**

The drop in tea afternoon will be held every Thursday between 3:30 and 5pm at the International Welsh Rarebit Centre, Defynnog. It will be called the Tea Club. DH and AS can be there as informal hosts.

**9) AOB**

An ultra marathon group based in Cardiff hope to hold an event in October. This could use the Epynt Way / Myddfai / Halfway Forest and possibly use Trecastle Village Hall as a starting / finishing point. JB will pass on contact details.

A litter pick was discussed but no conclusion at present.

Forthcoming meetings all starting at 6:30 pm :

Wed 23rd May : Shoemakers Arms, Pentrebach

Tues 19th June : The Tanners Arms, Defynnog

July 11th : The Castle Coaching Inn, Trecastle