

MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE UPPER USK VALLEY ON 11th JULY 2018 AT THE INTERNATIONAL WELSH RAREBIT CENTRE

PRESENT: Sian Miller (SM), Angharard Loveluck (AL), Rose Gearadts (RG), Julia Blazer (JB), Linda Wickham (LW), David Blazer (DB), Dave Howells (DH), Christopher Spry (CS), Barry Alderslade (BA), Sharon Millar (ShM).

APOLOGIES: Les and Kathy Williams, Nikki Alderslade, Malcolm Liddell, Hugh Macmillan.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM: SM approved, seconded by CS.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: DH thanked those present at the meeting. He talked through the Timeline of projects and events undertaken in the past year. He felt that engaging people was the biggest issue to address. The report was approved by the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Given by SM. Before the evening we had 19 signed up members, but we now have another 3 as they had joined at the meeting. She felt that there was a better turn out at meetings if there was a specific topic that interested people eg Rural Futures meeting. The report was accepted by the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: JB advised that there was £14,942 in the bank. Grants to cover architect's and planner's fees for Sennybridge toilets. The leaflets had been a big expense, but we were undercharged by £200 by company producing them due to problems that had occurred. JB will bring a printed copy of the report and accounts to the next meeting. The report was approved by the meeting.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS: SM took the Chair at this point of the proceedings. JB, DH and CS stepped down. New Chair is ShM, proposed by AL and seconded by JB. New Deputy Chair is DB, proposed by DH and seconded by BA. SM proposed to resign as Secretary to become Treasurer. Proposed by JB and seconded by LW. New Secretary is Nikkii Alderslade (NA).

CONSTITUTIONAL BUSINESS: Trustee webinar available from PAVO for those becoming trustees. SM thought the training was very important.

PLANS FOR SENNYBRIDGE TOILETS: ShM has received an email advising that objections have been made by two local people who own properties near to the proposal. Downstairs access is not possible for the disabled, but this could be overcome by providing the same experience at street level. AI thought that many in the community were either not interested or did not realise what is happening.

Peter Willis has failed to meet with Maescar Council because they have not come back to him. It was suggested that perhaps those who object to the plan could meet with a sub-group. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged with the architect to discuss issues. SM will email him. JB felt parking in Sennybridge needed to be looked at by UUV. Perhaps parking bays near to toilets would be a good idea. SM was concerned that Rural Futures might be a diversion for us, but with no payback. It is the third anniversary of the loos re-opening. JB will design panels to put in loos to commemorate this.

NEXT MEETINGS

Yew Tree, Defynnog 8th August 6.30 pm

Usk and Railway, Sennybridge 5th September. 6.30 pm

