

MINUTES OF THE UPPER USK VALLEY MEETING 19th JUNE 2018 AT THE TANNERS ARMS,
DEFYNNOG

PRESENT: Sian Miller (SM), Leslie Williams (LWil), Julia Blazer (JB), Sandra Thomas (ST), Annette Scale (AS), Linda Wickham (LW), David Blazer (DB), Angharard Loveluck (AL), Christopher Spry (CS), Hugh Macmillan (HM), Barry Alderslade (BA), Nikki Alderslade (NA), David Howells (DH).

WELCOME: DH welcomed those present.

APOLOGIES: Sharon Millar, Roy Payne, Malcolm Liddell.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING : Were approved.

MATTERS ARISING:

SM talked about the Dementia Friendly Training that had recently taken place and asked how do we improve as Dementia Friendly. Do we want to do more as a group? DH would like us to engage with people and carers. Could we ask Peter Willis to drive this forward? It was suggested that we might engage the Post Office in this so that postmen and women could be involved in some way.

RURAL FUTURES UPDATE: SM read an email from Peter Willis. NA, DH, LWil, AL and LW would like to be involved in working with Peter. SM suggested a weekly update on projects would be a good idea. Although Peter has time, there is no money attached.

TRUSTEE TRAINING: SM suggested that those involved consult the PAVO website to look at the training available and come back to this at the next meeting after the AGM.

PEGASUS ULTRA RUNNERS: Rhys and Rusty introduced themselves and the organisation. November was agreed as a good time for an event. They would like to do something for the community eg Green Market. The Epynt Way was considered an ideal distance. AL would be able to provide contact details with military for accessing route, preferably off range as there would be a charge. The start and finish would be easily managed and the way is well marked. Access is available throughout and risk assessment would be carried out by Pegasus first. Also Control Room in Army Camp which is manned 24 hours so good for emergencies. If successful it could be an annual event. DH suggested it could be advertised at agricultural shows in September, plus local press. SM suggested they might want to take part in the USK Reservoir Run on 7th September. NA suggested advertising through leisure centres and running clubs. BA thought that a local artist could design a logo for the T-shirts and caps for the event. Facilities at start and finish could involve community centres. Buildings on the Range could be arranged with Army.

SENNYBRIDGE TOILETS: Planning has been submitted and forms further grant obtained. JB and ShM are starting to get quotes in, but will wait for Building Regs. JB suggested that Peter Willis might get involved with possible provision of parking bays on wide pavement near toilets.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS: NA thought that emailing people on the list was beneficial. She wants to put more on website eg geography of area, events, features on local artist or a blog.

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JB is having an art exhibition at Rarebit Centre on 27th June.

NA recommended the gym in Sennybridge and suggested that Rural Futures might be involved in promoting this to improve well-being. Some of the equipment is in need of replacing and JB suggested PAVO might have information on grants available and then community council could fund match.

Community Walking: Ramblers Association have a section on Walking for Health. LW will look at this. AL suggested contacting Brecon Group to promote this side of the Beacons. The suggestion was a once a month social walk in the area with dogs allowed. CS said Ordnance Survey produce guides of walks, including this area, marked for grade of difficulty.

NEXT MEETING: Would be AGM. People were asked to put themselves forward for positions. DH thanked everybody for being such a great group. AS said a farewell to the group and thanked them for the warm welcome when she came to the area.