

# CIL-Y-CWM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### Annual General Meeting 2015

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**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016

**Venue:** Neuadd Fawr Arms

**Time:** 8.00 p.m.

**Attendees:** Roger Hemmings (Chair), Fay Wielochowska (Treasurer),  
Moiria Davies, Ann Jones, Chris Robertson, Will Theophilus, Dafydd  
Tomos

**Apologies:** Kate Robertson, Aled Edwards, Arwel Davies, Thelma Stenning

Roger welcomed all to the meeting.

The minutes from the 2014 AGM were read and agreed.

#### **Matter arising from the minutes:**

The Archery club was not set up as a sub-group of the CCA.

The Cilycwm Carnival also was not held.

#### **Chairman's report – Roger Hemmings**

Roger confirmed that no activity had taken place during the year except for the Bore Coffi mornings held in the Capel y Groes.

#### **Secretary's report**

Thelma Stenning resigned from the post of Company Secretary as of Nov 11 2015 due to becoming more heavily involved in her voluntary work for the charity 'Money for Madagascar'.

The committee express their thanks for her commitment during the four years as company secretary.

#### **Finance report – Fay Wielochowska**

Fay thanked Dafydd for stepping in during her absence in Turkey.

Rev Peter Green has independently examined the accounts. These have now been sent to Companies House.

Fay has thanked him on behalf of the CCA.

The public liability insurance was the only outlay this year. The website hosting has not been paid; Fay to remind Dick Turner.

At the end of 2015 the CCA balance was £1631.14, the History Group's balance £935.42, Bore Coffi hold their own cash reserve £155.

Bore Coffi are supported by the CCA's Public Liability Insurance.

In the absence of a Company Secretary Fay will file the annual report when it is due.

### **Company Assets – Dafydd Tomos**

Dafydd reminded the committee of the Company assets: 10 plastic chairs stored at the back of the church and 3 video cameras which he stores.

Hiring these out was discussed but no conclusion drawn. Chris to add a new menu to the website to advertise these.

It was agreed that the CCA do not own a marquee nor other assets.

### **Website Moderator's report – Chris Robertson**

Chris gave a very comprehensive report.

“ I was asked to put on the site an article run by Wales Guardian concerning the selection of a local farmer to stand for the county council election. I checked with the two other members of the website oversight group ( but not the person involved ) and got approval. I posted the article exactly as published and with credit to the paper. On Friday I was emailed by Hilton Marilton, another candidate, asking to put a piece on the site and I agreed.

On Monday the electoral office rang to say that they recommended the item be removed for fear that it might imply a bias in favour of one candidate. They seemed to be under the impression that the site was financed by the Community Council - I pointed out that it wasn't, that we were merely reproducing the press article which was already in the public domain and that we had agreed to publish any others that were submitted. The woman at the office still said that they recommended it be removed.

I removed the post and emailed Hilton to say that we couldn't publish his piece.

I wonder whether we should make it more obvious that we are not funded by the Community Council and whether charging the Community Council to publish on the site would help to indicate the separation! The CCC has a legal obligation to publish their notices so it must be legitimate for them to pay for the space. If the CCA were to be wound up this could be a way of financing the hosting provided it were made clear that the CCC were paying for space not the whole site.

The counter on the home page currently stands at nearly nine million but that is not to be taken seriously.

It is not possible to say accurately how many visitors we get ( we would have to pay to have accurate figures ) - but it appears to be 5 - 6,000 per month and they look at four pages on average. We still get a lot of family history enquirers which are usually passed on to Dafydd but occasionally an appeal is answered on the site - just recently the James Family were connected through the site.

You may recall that the History Group website is also run by the Community Association and shared the web space.

We also still get requests for copies of the Blaenau Tywi book - I direct people to the History Group site where it can be downloaded as a PDF for free. “

Ann suggested that in principle the CCC would be prepared consider making a payment for the website's IT Tech support which they receive in publishing the CCC documentation.

### **History Group Report – Dafydd Tomos**

Some extra donations for the Farms and Field Names book are due . It was agreed that for the time being at least the Group's funds in the CCA accounts should remain there in case a new project is started.

### **Election of Officers**

It was agreed that the existing officers remain but that a Company Secretary should be sought.

### **Future of the CCA**

#### **Various options for the future was discussed**

- Closure – in which case all monies should be transferred to other groups beforehand in order not to lose the funds to the HMRC.
- Dormancy - in which case the accounts would still have to be independently examined and filed but no insurance would be bought and the Bore Coffi notified of this.
- Another group taking over - in which case the existing officers would resign and the new ones appointed. The funds in the accounts would be transferred as appropriate. The village field would be the first choice to receive the CCA funds.

Moira suggested a possible application for funding for a village project in the future would be viewed more favourably from an existing association.

In the light of no decision being made Fay proposed and Chris seconded that any decision to be discussed at a future date.

**The date of the next meeting**

January 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

Roger closed the AGM at 21.17.