

CYMDEITHAS GYMUNEDOL  
**CIL-Y-CWM**  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Date: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012

Venue: Neuadd Fawr Arms

Attendees: Roger Hemmings (Chair), Matt Davies, Neil Matthew, Teresa Metcalf, Helen Owen, Alice Pyper, Chris and Kate Robertson, Thelma Stenning (Secretary), William Theophilus, Dafydd Tomos, Dick Turner, Fay Wielo Chowska (Treasurer).

Apologies: Hedley & Dianne Addis, Reverend Wendy Foulgar and David Foulgar, Sara Fox, Christine Theophilus

Roger opened the proceedings and welcomed Howard Bulcock, Chair of Rhandirmwyn Community Association to the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting (13/03/2012) were read and approved.

### **Financial report**

Fay provided a summary of the accounts. These have yet to be finalised by the Association's accountant. A final statement of the accounts will be presented with the Annual Report at December's AGM. Although the statement currently shows a positive balance, a number of creditors are awaiting payment. These payments relate to the July Gŵyl Bro Dinefwr, and are due to be reimbursed from a grant .

### **History/Heritage project**

On behalf of Sara, Thelma gave an update on the project. The History group met after Easter when a lecture was given on the archaeology project at NBG. Sara, with assistance from Dafydd, submitted the group's bid which was approved as eligible and will be assessed by the final panel to-day. Sara believes we are likely to be successful in the bid. Roger reminded the meeting that if this bid is successful any up-front funding required would need to be raised by Sara from interested individuals and re-paid retrospectively when the grant monies arrived. Fay suggested that if Sara had a short-fall in the up-front funding and sufficient money was available in the Cilycwm C.A's account this could be used and repaid from the grant. This action, if needed, was agreed by the meeting. The History group's next meeting is scheduled for September when Trysor will be disseminating their findings on Mynydd Mallaen.

### **Website**

Dick provided a short progress report on the website and acknowledged the positive comments about the website elicited by the questionnaire. Chris explained the new addition of a subscription entry which if an individual completes automatically sends an alert to your e mail address of any new items added to the website.

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It was agreed that the minutes of meetings should be circulated to the attendees and if no errors or amendments reported those minutes should be published without delay on the website. Also agendas should be published on the website prior to the meetings. **Action:** Thelma to organise.

Fay noted that there are currently only 5 Directors of the C.C.A. Roger reminded the meeting that the C.C.A's constitution encourages all members to become Directors. To become a Director an individual needs to complete form No. 288a (Appointment of director/secretary) available from Thelma. Fay proposed that C.C.A's constitution be published on the website, this was seconded by Dafydd. **Action:** Chris to put the constitution on the website.

### **Results of Questionnaire**

Approximately 130 questionnaires were circulated with 36 returns which equals a 28% response rate. All the responses were collated and entered on a summary with total numbers displayed in the Yes/No boxes. All comments were also recorded.

The meeting considered the responses including whether the present CCA represented the community. During the discussion it was agreed that one particular group missing from the CCA is the young. Although young people are willing to help and support local events and initiatives they do not initiate them. Will suggested that as many young people communicated through their own Cyber communities, there was no attraction for them in joining a committee. So other ways must be found to engage with them if we want their involvement in community issues. We had also not engaged with residents who didn't respond and Teresa felt possibly a one-to-one conversation might be the only way to gain their opinion.

On the question of the need for a village hall/Community Centre, Kate commented that although the responses gave no mandate to move ahead with a community centre this did not mean there was no community. The community seemed to be interacting on a more informal basis with activities and support networks taking place. Roger concluded that the CCA would take on board all the points relating to a Community centre/village hall but no further action would be taken at this point in time. **Action:** Chris to put the summary of the survey on the website.

### **Plot for sale in Cilywm**

Teresa proposed that interested individuals be approached to consider investing in this purchase and grants be sought from the Heritage Lottery Fund. If funds could be raised independently of the CCA Teresa asked, could the CCA, as a constituted organisation, take responsibility for purchasing and maintaining this plot? Roger agreed that if the money was raised the CCA could own and manage the land on behalf and for the benefit of the village.

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**A.O.B.**

Howard Bulcock joined the meeting to update us on two issues. In February the NHS Trust had informed them that Automated External Defibrillators (AED) Plus were free, however it appears that is not the case and they will cost around £400 with the balance being funded by the British Heart Foundation (BHF). These new 'smart' defibrillators can be operated with very little training, which is free, so Rhandirmwyn C.A. will be going ahead once they have the volunteers in place. Roger commented that no volunteers had come forward from Cilycwm.

Rhandirmwyn C.A. have also been involved in a campaign to re-route logging lorries from the Tywi Forest as local communities are concerned about the predicted 3-fold increase in timber activity from 2011 onwards. The campaign is seeking to establish a sustainable "Tywi Forest Timber Transport Fund" managed by the Forestry Commission. In this area the plan is to divert the logging lorries from Llandovery by opening up the Cwm Henog to Esgair Dafydd forest road which would be maintained by the Forestry Commission. Carmarthenshire County Council is preparing a case, with a 10K subsidy, to be heard in September and we hope it will be approved.

Teresa, now the sole editor of Blaenau Tywi, raised her concerns that with fewer and fewer contributors it may cease. Helen suggested involving the local school in projects but Teresa had already tried this to no avail and concluded that without more people involved and more contributors it would fold in the next 12 months. Roger suggested it continue as a regular page on the website. **Action:** Chris to meet with Teresa to discuss this option.

The meeting was fully supportive of Dafydd's proposal to hold Welsh language historical events in the school. These would include translation arrangements for non-Welsh speakers. 100% grants are available for events such as these.

Finally the raffle was held and Howard drew the lucky winner **Number 108** – will the person who had that number on their Questionnaire please contact Thelma on 01550 720346 to claim their voucher for £30 to spend at the Neuadd Arms.

The next meeting will be held in September, date to be advised.

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