

**MUDIAD FFERMWYR IEUAINC MALDWYN
MONTGOMERY FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS**

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on Thursday 11th November, 2010 at Plas Dolerw, Newtown at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Mr Roland Davies with 26 members.

IN ATTENDANCE: Miss Lorraine Stokes, YFC Organiser; Claire Owen, Menter Maldwyn; Henk Kuipers, Rural Housing Officer North Powys.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Opening the meeting County Chairman, Mr Roland Davies commented on the busy couple of months the Federation had had.

The YFC Eisteddfod which was successfully held in Llanidloes School on the 6th November and Llanfair Caereinion YFC were congratulated on winning the overall competition for the 6th consecutive year.

The Field Day was an extremely wet day, but thanks to the good facilities of Welshpool Livestock Market, the event was able to go ahead and the day was very successful. Tregynon YFC were the overall winners of the Stockjudging competitions and Trefeglwys YFC were the overall winners of the Field Day.

An Autumn Dance was held in Oswestry where a small profit was made.

The Discovery Committee had completed their Kenya project.

Roland went onto welcome new representatives to the meeting and asked all those giving reports to be as concise as possible.

Those present were asked to ensure that their mobile phones were switched off and Clare Owen of Menter Maldwyn was introduced as providing translation equipment for the meeting.

E15/10/11 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Helen Roberts, Gron Bumford, Gerallt Evans and Amanda Jones. Further apologies were added to the attendance register.

E16/10/11 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 23rd September, 2010 were taken as read, accepted and signed.

E17/10/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Under E07/10/11 Co-opted Members

It was noted that all co-opted members had accepted their invitations to sit on the County Executive and were welcomed accordingly.

Under E12/10/11 Elect Trustees for the year 2010/2011

Maggie Jones had accepted the invitation to be a Trustee on the Trust Fund Committee.

There were no other matters arising from the minutes.

E18/10/11 CORRESPONDENCE

Jeff Johnson

In response to a letter sent to Jeff Johnson requesting his presents at the Board of Management Committee and Executive Committee meetings, he has discussed the matter with his line manager and has e-mailed to confirm that he will gladly attend all Board of Management meetings, although he will not be attending Executive meetings unless agenda items have a relevance to Powys County Council Issues.

Pennington Report

Lorraine and Jeff explained to the committee that Montgomery YFC, as part of the Powys County Council Youth Service are legally obliged to abide to the recommendations set out in the Pennington report with regards to catering. The Pennington report aims at preventing any food safety related outbreaks. Powys County Council must not source any catering suppliers that do not hold an SLE Certificate. (Further information attached to minutes for information)

Gaynor Astley: Care & Repair in Powys

An e-mail had been received from Gaynor to ask the YFC if they would be willing to donate Christmas hampers for the young people leaving the care system. It was agreed to send information out to each club to ask them to contribute.

Ty Mawr - YFC Storage

A phone call had been received from Ty Mawr requesting for the YFC belongings to be removed from the site by the end of the month so that building work can be completed. Jeff Johnson was asked if it was possible to have space at the Old College for a storage container but this was not feasible as more office space is due to be built on the site. Teresa Isaac offered her parents shed, on the condition that they agree. The committee accepted the offer and Roland thanked her for the suggestion.

E19/10/11 PRESENTATION ON 'RURAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING'

Roland introduced Henk Jan Kuipers who conducted a presentation to the members on what his role entails and asked for the opinions of members on the need for rural housing.

E20/10/11 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

A) Activities Committee - Gareth Williams

Gareth Williams informed the committee of the work of the last meeting of the Activities committee.

The Executive were asked to approve plans for the County Dinner. It was agreed to sell tickets at £20 each, table by table. It was discussed about offering an incentive if a club managed to fill a table but the committee agreed that people needed to be enticed through good promotion mainly.

The discussion of ticket prices turned to the Entertainments competition and the committee felt that the value of entertainment was not justified in the ticket price. Nicola Walker proposed that the tickets for the 'February Festival' should be increased from £7 to £8, this was seconded by Garry Wright. Further names were suggested for Entertainments adjudicators by the committee.

Crystals had been booked for the Christmas Party on 27th December 2010. The theme is to be pub golf.

The entrees for the Wales Winter Fair had been agreed upon at the Activities meeting.

Names of stewards were nominated for the Public Speaking competition and it was decided to ask the Activities Vice President, Ifan Bebb to co-ordinate the Catering for the Judges and Stewards along with Catherine Rowlands (Trefeglwys).

B) Finance & Development Committee - Roland Davies

In the absence of Gerallt Evans, Roland Davies reported on the recent meeting of the Finance and Development committee as per the minutes dated 28th October.

C) Eisteddfod - Nerys Fychan

Nerys Fychan, Eisteddfod Chairman reported on a very successful Eisteddfod held recently in Llanidloes High School. Nerys thanked everyone involved and congratulated the winners of the competitions, wishing them well if going forward to the Wales YFC Eisteddfod. She encouraged people to give their feedback to the office so that issues could be discussed at the review meeting.

Emyr Jones expressed his congratulations to the organising group and commented on the high standard to which the committee applauded.

It was questioned whether the date of the event was appropriate as it had coincided with another Eisteddfod in the area. It was explained in defence that the County Eisteddfod is always 2 weeks prior to the Wales YFC Eisteddfod and that the committee had done their best to avoid other Eisteddfods in the area on the surrounding weekends.

D) Rally Committee - Bethan Watkins

2011 Rally Chairman Bethan Watkins reported that no further meeting of the committee had been held. However, the 1st choice venue had accepted the invitation to host the Rally.

The next meeting of the committee would be held on Tuesday 23rd November in Dyffryn Banw Community Centre.

E) Youth Forum - Lorraine Stokes

With the absence of Ulrika Oliver, Lorraine Stokes reported to the Executive Committee on the last meeting of the Youth Forum as per the minutes dated Thursday 30th October.

F) Discovery Committee - Danielle Evans

Danielle reported to the committee on the work of the Discovery Committee. The committee held their AGM on 14th October where the officials were elected as follows: Chairman - Danielle Evans (Llidiartywaen), Vice Chairman - Catherine Bennett (Vyrnwy Valley), Secretary - Gaethin Evans, Minutes Secretary - Ruth Jones, Treasurer - Carwen Morgan

The Committee had completed their trip to Kenya which was a huge success. Throughout the year much money had been raised to fund the community projects that they were involved with:

Drama Festival, 'name the giraffe'	£77
Rally Balloon Race	£1481

Promotion activities at 10 local shows	£1060.50
Promise Auction: Auction	£1916
Ticket sales	£1326
Raffle	£215
Sponsorship	£2159.48+
TOTAL	£8344.98

The group had to raise £1700 for the community projects they were working on in Kenya. The committee kindly donated a further £5500 to gap Kenya to enable many more projects to be completed in the hospital and school.

The next Discovery meeting will be held in 'The Exchange' at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th December.

G) Rural Affairs - Tomos Harrison

The officials had been elected as: Chairman- Tomos Harrison, Vice Chairman - Marc Jones, Secretary - Selina Jones.

Tomos reported that the committee had been very active with trips to Harper Adams Dairy Unit, The Wool Board in Newtown and are organising a trip to the Royal Highland Show at the end of November. They are looking into training possibilities for Hedge Laying, Welding and First Aid. Other trips that are to be looked into include Ifor Williams, Lloyds Animal Feeds and a Farm Walk.

H) Wales Council - Nicola Walker

The last meeting of the Wales Council was held on Saturday 2nd October. It was noted that the attendance from Montgomery was poor. The redesign of both the Wales YFC logo and website were discussed. MIND Cymru are the Wales YFC charity of the year 2010/11. Suggestions have been requested for the Wales YFC AGM weekend. Tickets are currently on sale for the 2011 Entertainments Feast in Swansea. To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Wales YFC the TP committee are sending a rugby shirt and ball around to all counties to be signed by 5 famous people of the county. The items are then to be auctioned off.

I) National Council - Helen Roberts

Helen had e-mailed a report through as no representatives were present at the previous meeting.

Helen had finished her term as National Chairman and James Chapman from Warwickshire was elected the New National Chairman of Council. Mark Williams from Gwent and Millie Wastie from Northampton were elected as Vice Chairmen to Council.

NFYFC are looking into the possibility of hosting the European Rally or European Seminar in England in 2013.

The Safeguarding Policy was adopted by National Council. All Counties could now adopt this policy or a policy that has been approved by their local safeguarding board. Two members of staff at NFYFC (Cath Sykes and Jodie Stirrup) are available to help counties implement their policies.

NFYFC are looking into the possibility of working with the NFU to make employment and HR advise available to all counties.

NFYFC are working on a new strategy document.

Chris Lloyd from Herefordshire has now finished as the Chairman on Board of Managements and Mike Stirk from Yorkshire is now the new Board of Management Chairman.

NYFYC have now set up a Youth Forum which met for the first time at the National Competitions Day, its members are currently Junior Member of the Year finalists, but will be open to others soon.

The closing date to apply for the Discovery Programme overseas trips for 2012 is 19th November. Helen noted that she would encourage Montgomery members to get involved with these trips as there has not been a representative from the County for a few years. Details on the trips and how to apply are in TEN26 and on the NYFYC website.

The 2011 AGM is to be held in Blackpool with the Fancy Dress Theme - 'Song Titles'. The Venue for the 2012 AGM is yet to be decided. Butlins Minehead is still an option and a decision on this will be made by January 2011.

The next Council meeting will be held on 13th February 2011.

As Chairman, Helen chose to raise money for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI). Helen reported that she would be very grateful if Montgomery would participate in the challenge she set for every club in England and Wales to raise £150 pounds towards RABI.

J) Wales YFC Eisteddfod Committee - Fflur Pughe

The 2010 Wales YFC Eisteddfod, hosted by Montgomery YFC is to be held in the Great Hall, Aberystwyth on Saturday 20th November. Fflur requested that all competitors turn up to their competitions on time. S4C will be broadcasting some of the event live so it is important that the schedule is on time. So far only 26 people have confirmed to steward at the event out of the 60 that are required so she asked if anyone could volunteer or suggest any names.

K) Welsh Language & Culture - Lorraine Stokes

A meeting was scheduled for the 6th October at which only one member attended. It was decided to hold the meeting again on 3rd December. Due to the lack of attendance, no officials been elected. A representative was required to sit on the Menter Maldwyn Committee. It was put to the Executive committee to elect this representative. Stephen Francis proposed Richard Jones. This was seconded by Gareth Williams and Richard Jones agreed to accept.

L) Management - Emyr Jones

Committee Chairman Emyr Jones reported on the last meeting of the Management committee.

Emyr reiterated that Jeff Johnson would now be attending the Board of Management meetings in the future. The board have decided to schedule 6 meetings throughout the year, to be held on the Wednesday evening a week before every Executive meeting.

Budgeting was discussed and the concerns of funding in the current economic climate. The budgeting before events will need to be discussed further by the F&D Committee.

The Board had developed a proposal for the Executive to take to the AGM: That a Senior Treasurer is to be elected, to be in post for 5 years to provide consistency and guidance to the Members Treasurer. The Senior Treasurer would remain a signatory so that transitional periods between Members Treasurers would be smoother.

There were no objections from the County Executive Committee and the proposal was passed.

Sonya Wedge had been asked to sit on the Board of Management to give a financial update.

On behalf of the board, Emyr congratulated Roland on the success of the Corporate Sponsorship project that he had lead as over £6000 had been raised.

E21/10/11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Two teams were place first in the Jazz Dance competition at the Field Day. The adjudicator refused to choose between the two. The committee were asked what they thought would be the fairest way to choose one of the teams to go forward to compete at the Wales Field Day 2011. It was decided to ask both teams if they could enter and if both could then one entry should be drawn from a hat.

Roland Davies reminded the members, that time was running out to apply for funding from the Youth Bank with the deadline of Sunday 19th November.

Gwylum voiced his concern about the lack of attendance at the Executive Committee. It was suggested to give an award at the AGM for the club with the best attendance at sub committee's and Executive meetings or to incorporate these attendances with the rally competition (minute book and attendance sheets).

As there was no other business the meeting was declared closed at 10.20pm.

Signed: Dated: