Minutes of Business Meeting

**Held by Zoom**

Thursday 10th June 2021, 7:30pm

*Present*: Charles Hawkins (CH), John Burtonwood, Helen Hawkins, Eileen Burtonwood, CMH, Sean Brand, Janet Haworth, Dennis Oliver.

*Apologies*: Linda Anderson, GJ, Jimmy Logan.

1. **Minutes from March 2021**

The minutes were agreed and signed off.

1. **Matter Arising**

Co-opted Members: Jimmy Logan and Dewi Parciau have agreed to serve.

New Flag: This was flown in time for Easter.

Barrier at Afon Ro ford: These are now in place.

Fundraising: GJ provided feedback on the 100 Club – this idea will not be pursued further. Information on fundraising via on-line shopping was also noted. See [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

1. **Draft Constitution 2021**

Some further amendments were made (see final version, attached) and a further vote taken.

CMH does not agree to the clause about membership. Otherwise, the whole document was ratified unanimously for community vote at a Special General Meeting (SGM).

1. **Code of Conduct**

A vote was taken to ratify this. This was approved by the majority, CMH abstained.

The Chair expressed thanks to Helen and Janet for all their work on the Constitution.

1. **Car Boot Sales (CBS)**

The Secretary and Chair have received several calls and emails asking about when the CBS will start again. The opinions of the committee and others in the community were sought.

A range of thoughts and feelings were expressed. The main concerns raised were around the following issues:

*Government COVID Rules*: these outline the necessary [reasonable measures](https://gov.wales/taking-all-reasonable-measures-minimise-risk-exposure-coronavirus-workplaces-and-premises-open) which currently would need to be undertaken to minimize the risk of exposure to and spread of coronavirus. It was felt these are too onerous for the committee and our CBS volunteers to implement. There is the additional challenge that these rules are regularly changing. We have been advised by Conwy County Council that only 30 people would currently be allowed on site.

*Volunteer Capacity*: We do not have enough volunteers at the moment to organize such an event.

*Capacity on the Field:* To meet the safety needs of local residents, there would be reduced space available on the field and hence even lower capacity for the number of stall holders we could host.

*Should we review the Decision in 2 months*: By the end of Summer more people will be vaccinated so the rules may have relaxed considerably, we may have more volunteers and the event could be viable.

*Fundraising Capacity*: This is the Community Group’s main income-generating event.

The committee voted on either reviewing the position at the end of August or deferring until 2022. It was decided by a majority to defer until next year. This helps us provide clear communications, set expectations and plan a positive relaunch in Spring 2022.

1. **Conwy Village Award**

Eileen described how she and Linda had consulted with villagers and they have worked hard to write a report on how the community of Rowen has responded to the COVID pandemic for this Award. At the point of submission, they were informed that the scheme had been cancelled due to the low numbers of entrants. This was very frustrating and felt to be unfair. Despite the Chair and Janet Finch Saunders appealing the move to cancel the award, the organisers, Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales, are standing by their original decision. We have been invited to resubmit the report next year.

The Chair thanked Eileen and Linda for all their time and hard work with this on our behalf.

1. **Any Other Business**

None.

**Future Meetings:**

A Special General Meeting will be held in Autumn to vote on the Constitution. The plan is for this to be an Open Meeting.

An AGM will be held in November, again, hopefully as an Open Meeting.

CH thanked everyone and the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

Accepted as a true record on (date)………………………………….and signed:

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**TBA**