Minutes of Business Meeting

**Held by Zoom**

18th March 2021, 7:00pm

*Present*: Charles Hawkins (CH), Janet Haworth, John Burtonwood, Helen Hawkins, GJ, Linda Anderson, Eileen Burtonwood, CMH, Dennis Oliver.

*Apologies*: Sean Brand

1. Previous Minutes agreed.
2. Matters Arising

* Winter Festival: This was a great success in challenging circumstances and was much appreciated by the families attending. Well done to all involved and special thanks to John & Eileen for organizing the wonderful presents.
* Charitable Donation Feedback: John received a letter from Aberconwy Domestic Abuse saying thank you and how much it was valued. They explained it had gone towards Christmas presents for people with whom they are involved and also general running costs for the home.
* Flag: This has been ordered from a Welsh company, sadly it won’t arrive for St David’s Day. It was agreed it would go up for Easter.
* Greener Village: Eileen, GJ and Helen have met with Sue and Alice (who proposed the idea). A Facebook Group has been set up and a couple of spring projects proposed. It is still in its infancy. They will be meeting again soon to take things forwards.

1. Constitution

Helen presented the proposed changes. These were discussed and subject to some identified amendments the revised constitution and appendices were approved – see attached. Sean had previously sent his approval to the Secretary and Chair.

1. Updated Charitable Giving Policy: Unanimously approved.
2. Memorial Hall Liaison Feedback: Car boot sales cannot be held yet.
3. Website

BT are closing down the Community Group website, the committee discussed options. The key issues being (a) It was set up originally for last minute notices regarding the Car Boot Sale (b) There is no one available to maintain it and (c) All information is duplicated on the Community Group Page on the Rowen Village website.

It was decided to shut down the Group website and focus on the Community Group Page on the Village website and also use the Rowen Facebook page for notices. **CH**

1. Co-Opted Members

The Chair clarified that these members are only asked to attend meetings and if they wanted, could actively support events when they are able.

GJ reported that Dewi J doesn’t use Zoom so couldn’t be involved at the moment, Stuart doesn’t have capacity and Gwynfor isn’t currently available.

**GJ** will invite Dewi Parciau as a CCC representative and Linda will invite Jimmy as a member of the Llanerch Estate.

1. Fund Raising 2021/ Car Boot Sales

Ideas: Disco, Fancy Dress, 60’s Night, Auction, Folk Night with Fish & Chips, Raffle

100 Club - **GJ** to get further information.

**All** Please share any other ideas.

1. AOB

* Suggestion was made to hold a celebration/ Village Party once lockdown is ended eg Shared picnic
* Conwy Valley Village Award: Eileen and Linda are working hard pulling this all together for submission in May.
* Barriers at Afon Ro ford to prevent flooding in village: Gwenan reported that currently when there are weather warnings local people erect boards at the crossing. There have been discussions and meetings with the local authorities over the past 5 years for professional gating. Goronwy is actively taking this forward now, including funding. Flood barriers are meant to be going up so perhaps we could get an update from Goronwy. **CH** to follow up.

CH thanked everyone and the meeting was closed.

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

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**June 2021 TBA**