Minutes of Business Meeting

Held at

Rowen Memorial Hall

Thursday 8th of April, 2022 at 7.00pm

Present:- Charles Hawkins (CH) Goronwy Edwards (GE) Sean Brand (SB)

John Burtonwood (JB) Janet Howarth (JH) Gwenan Jones (GJ)

Eileen Burtonwood (EB) Helen Hawkins (HH) Sue Kenwell (Sk) Rob Kenwell (RK)

Apologies:-, Lisa Brand , Penny Wingfield, Susan Blackden

Owing to the presence of just 4 non-committee members at the Open Meeting, the Minutes that follow are a record of both meetings.

1.Welcome & Apologies

CH Opened the meeting with a warm welcome. Apologies received from PW, SB,LB.

2. Sign off Minutes from January 2022

Minutes from January 2022 were agreed and signed off by CH

3 . Matters Arising

Following the departure of DO CH – was very grateful to DO for being a faithful supporter over the years and it was really appreciated.

GJ confirmed Gift vouchers were sent to past members to thank them for their support.

4.Wallace Memorial Progress

GJ – Informed the meeting that the grant was successful and £1,000 has been received by the Carneddau Project. Dewi Jones will do the iron work and Dyffryn Memorial will be removing & restoring the stone. Hopefully it will be ready in the Summer. Janet Finch had written a letter and looking forward to seeing it restored. GJ will investigate having an official reveal nearer the time.

5. Car Boot Progress:-

GE- Informed us that plans were going well. Dates have been confirmed. Signage will be bilingual; within the village GJ is sorting this. GE & GJ Looking for volunteers so will go through list and approach people who have supported in the past. GJ Shared a few names who will help.

EB Agreed to help with first car boot said a few pans had been donated by Mr & Mrs Travett.

EB felt signs could be like those Tal y Bont have committee will follow this up.

GE Car boot times discussed and will be starting from 11am chance for sellers to arrive earlier in the morning to set up.

GE explained there are cars sorn etc park in car park looking into getting them removed. This would allow extra parking for events held in the hall.

7. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

CH Confirmed the Queen’s Platinum Lunch will happen on Sunday 5th of June from 12-3pm

CH Suggested to have a beacon on Tal y Fan will investigate this and ask landowner for permission. CH will explore the different options available and will share the information with the committee.

CH will investigate the cost and if permission is granted will do the relevant forms which would need to be in by May.

SB- suggested could share the cost with Tal y Bont as they have gained permission by landowners. This would still be visual from Rowen.

PW- had shared some suggestions with CH of ideas for the event i.e children’s bake off, bring and share lunch, fancy dress, some names of volunteers were given CH will contact them.

GJ suggested it might be better for people to bring their own food picnic idea.

CH will organise a sub committee and decisions will be made and shared.

8. Village Security Progress

Members of the public had expressed interest in CCTV in the village. GE has been in contact with Conwy Council officer Hannah Darrel. GE explained it would cost £3,000 to set up and the annual costs etc on top. Committee felt it wasn’t justifiable as are more houses in the area with CCTV systems etc. It was also noted that the cameras are only used in Towns and might change village ethos.

JH will explore getting a Liaison officer to the village to discuss concerns people may have I.e. security, cyber security, getting leaflets on cyber control. JH will investigate organising a drop-in fraud workshop etc. GE suggested getting Delia Bellis from the police to come along.

Open Gardens-

PW Asked if the Group would like a stall it was decided to leave it as many members were either opening their garden or helping on the day.

Bedding Flowers will be where the village Christmas tree is located. The Ty Gwyn are happy for the group to do this.

GE shared there are grants available GJ will explore these.

GE Shared that there was community land along the road by Tawel Fan.

Cae Rhun Parish council have donated £100 for updating things in the village I.e painting etc a few places were mentioned GJ mentioned a few places need TLC painting or fixing i.e goal post, benches etc. PM had sent an email to CH about the old Caernarfon sign looking in need of some TLC CH and JB will remove and restore the old sign located above the Rowen sign.

EB suggested recycled plastic benches could be used in the future

HH- Noted that the toilets had re opened and the refurbishment looked up to date. Committee all agreed it was nice to see them back open and looking more inviting and were grateful that Conwy Council had invested in them.

9. Any other Business

Following the departure of DO CH – was very grateful to DO for being a faithful supporter over the years and it was really appreciated. The committee is down to 6 therefore need to find more people to join. CH asked members to think of suggested people that may be able to support

CH- Thanked the people present and Closed the meeting at 20.24.

Accepted as true record on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(chair)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY July 28th at 7pm at the Hall