

Dyffryn and Talybont Regen Group

Meeting minutes

Location: Dyffryn Ardudwy Village Hall

Date: 11/11/2024

Time: 19:00 hrs

Agenda items

- I. Attendees:** Dianne Follows, Sarah Tibbetts, Jane Tibbetts, Bronwen Pooler, Sue Fryatt, Kirstie Lumsdon, Steve Wells, Mick Tibbetts, Derek Haywood, Edward Griffiths

Apologies: None

II. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting (14/10/2024)

The minutes were reviewed and accepted by those present.

III. Conflicts of Interest

Conflicts of Interest declared by Kirstie Lumsdon, Derek Haywood, Steve Wells and Mick Tibbetts as they have applied to be on the Y Tir Committee, agreed that they would leave the room when this was discussed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Written Report was provided and presented by the Treasurer.

Additional information has been provided to the Bank, confirmed as all approved on 6th November and to wait 7-14 days for correspondence from the bank.

██████████ has been verbally updated regarding the payment of Gazebo invoice.

£500 has been paid into the account by the Community Council belonging to Dyffryn Elves.

Spending since last meeting, Monies Owed:

Postage - £3.35

Village Hall Hire - £15.00

Poppy Wreath - £25.00

Reports were also prepared regarding the Village Hall and costs of opening the café which are to be discussed with the Community Council.

V. Vice Chair

As per the constitution we need to have a Vice Chair, this is also prudent in-case the Chair cannot attend or has a conflict of Interests. Jane Tibbetts put herself forward.

Nominated by Diane Follows

Seconded by Sue Fryatt

Passed unanimously by all present.

VI. Remembrance Sunday

It was felt by all who attended that the service went well.

Some disappointment was expressed that those gathered did not go outside to lay the wreaths. Hopefully this will happen next year.

Suggestion was made that as wreaths cost RBL £20 they only receive £5 of the £25 donation it would be prudent to re-use the wreath next year and give the full £25 as a donation.

Suggestion that a Poppy "Tommy" could be made with old Wreaths and other re-cycled items. Would be nice to do this in conjunction with the primary school. ACTION for Sarah Tibbetts, Sue Fryatt and Mick Tibbetts to take this forward.

VII. Village Hall

Written report on accounts and cost of opening the café presented by the Treasurer.

CC has formed a Village Hall Sub-committee, Mick Tibbetts needs some support with regards to decision making that shouldn't be undertaken by one person. Financial Management and decision making needs to be open as it is a community project.

Village Hall needs help and support.

Some groups have disbanded and it has become difficult to get volunteers. There used to be a lot of groups that used the village hall. The lack of a café has contributed to the loss of some groups.

Is the café to be a commercial concern of just sell Tea/Coffee and cakes?

If the latter does it need a commercial extract?

Mick Tibbetts proposed that Regen should offer to take over the Village Hall Management from the Community Council. A discussion then took place with regards to if this fitted in the remit of the Regen Group. It was agreed that, as a community project / facility it would fit with the Regen Group aims.

Proposed by Mick Tibbetts

Seconded by Diane Follows

Agreed unanimously by all present.

Edward Griffiths will raise at Community Council Meeting in January.

VIII. Correspondence

a: The Chair, Dianne Follows, has received an email from [REDACTED] Y Tir Committee Member following the Community Council meeting on 01/10/2024 at which Dianne Follows spoke as a representative of The Regen Group. The email is threatening in nature and The Committee is aware that this is not the first such message that Dianne Follows has received from [REDACTED]. The email directly relates to the Community Council Meeting at which Dianne Follows attended as a representative of The

Regen Group; threatening behaviour towards members of The Committee will not be tolerated. An formal complaint email is to be sent to the Y Tir Committee, a written apology is to be requested as well as confirmation that such communication will cease. Any further such correspondence would lead to further action by The Regen Committee which can include Legal action.

UPDATE: The Y Tir Executive Committee do not accept responsibility for the actions of their Member [REDACTED] and maintain that it is a personal matter. This is disappointing as it was expected that the Executive Committee would take incidents of bullying behaviour by their members seriously. It is hoped that the new committee will take such things more seriously. No further action at this time by Regen but Diane Follows to inform the Regen Committee should any further correspondence be received.

b: An email from the Y Tir Executive Committee has been received challenging Regen's position as Leaseholder of the Y Tir Project land at Pentre Uchaf, Dyffryn Ardudwy. Reply to be sent sending copy of signed lease which outlines [REDACTED] as a witness for ADRA and Mr Stephan Chambers on behalf or Regeneration Group as Tenant. This is to be supplemented by Community Council Minutes and Minutes from Mediation Meeting, July 2024 where the representative from ADRA confirmed the legality of the Lease and Regeneration Group Position as Leaseholder.

c: The Request for information and original copy of the Lease has been refused by the current Y Tir Executive Committee – it is hoped that they will share this with the new 'Y Tir' committee when appointed.

d: The Y Tir Executive Committee have refused to accept the Health and Safety Report produced by the Regen Group and refuse to accept the actions included within the report. This report will be shared with the new committee.

IX. Y Tir

Discuss outcome of Community Council Meeting and Next Steps

Community Council Position: ADRA representative suggested that they would “pull the plug” on the project if the Community Council did not get involved. Reluctantly the Community Council agreed to be involved and did so by inviting candidates to apply to join the new committee using an agreed application form. Community Council received applications from the public. Following the advertisement they received a large number of emails and complaints about the Y Tir Project. Following this and

having seen the lease which clearly shows Regen as the leaseholder the Community Council decided in their November meeting to pass the applications received onto Regen for them to complete the process as they were better placed to do so.

A discussion was held as to how to move forward. Sarah Tibbetts had produced a poster to advertise the process again for a public vote. This was discussed and it was decided that it would be better to accept the process that the Community Council has begun which ADRA and the existing Y Tir Executive has asked the Community Council to move forward with. It was felt that keeping with this process would attract fewer objections and be fairer to those that had already taken the time to apply.

The new committee would then have 12 months to get themselves up and running before holding an AGM in 12 months' time including elections.

All applicants have been contacted by the Community Council informing them that their details would be passed to Regen and giving them the opportunity to withdraw if they did not want their details to be passed on.

A sealed envelope of applicants was passed to the Regen Chair.

Applicants were discussed by; Sarah Tibbetts, Jane Tibbetts, Bronwen Pooler, Sue Fryatt, Edward Griffiths, and Diane Follows

Steve Well, Kirstie Lumsdon, Mick Tibbetts and Derek Haywood were not present in the room during these discussions.

Following the discussions Edward Griffiths proposed that they were all good applicants from the wider community with varied background and skills. As it is generally difficult to find volunteers all applicants should be invited to form the new committee. This was seconded by Diane Follows and agreed unanimously.

New Y Tir Committee Members: Dianna Tregenza, Dave Kehoe, Dave Wilson, Denise Stone, Josie Atkins, Kirstie Lumsdon, John Fryatt, Mick Tibbetts, Steve Wells and Derek Haywood.

Chair, Diane Follows to inform applicants via email ASAP and arrange a meet and greet session.

Concern was raised regarding the Apiary and that qualified people need to make sure they are taken care of. 2 of the successful applicants are qualified bee keepers.

The issue of allotment rents was raised, which can be paid directly to the Regen bank accounts.

X. Other Regen initiatives

Agreed to move this forward to the next meeting.

XI. Any Other Business

Sarah Tibbetts asked for Regen to have a stall at the Christmas Craft Fair. Sarah Tibbetts and Diane Follows will attend

Date of next meeting set to 16/12/2024 at 19:00, to be held in the Village Hall