

Friends of Llanspyddid

Minutes for Annual General Meeting, 20th September 2010

Meeting started at 6.10pm

Those present: Rosemarie Jones, Vera Davies, David Davies, Tim Williams, Gill Millington, Peter Millington, Idris Prosser, Robert Griffiths, Cath Williams, Liam Fitzpatrick, Pat Jones, Allan Stroud, Elwyn Davies, Sunita Welch, Brad Welch, Pauline Hill, Barry Hill

Apologies: Peter James

Brad Welch opened the meeting, thanking all those present for attending. After confirming that everyone had received the Newsletter and the draft Constitution he asked whether anyone had any questions about their content. He reiterated the need for a committee, adopting a constitution and having a bank account was a necessity to provide transparency, reduce personal risk and possibly enable the community to access grants for bigger projects, such as improving the playground. To that end, it was proposed that the 'Officers' were kept to a minimum and that the whole community should feel part of the committee with different people helping to organise events.

Chair Person:	Brad Welch	Proposed: Elwyn Davies	Seconded: Rosie Jones
Treasurer:	Rob Griffiths	Proposed: Sunita Welch	Seconded: Pauline Hill
Secretary:	Pauline Hill	Proposed: Elwyn Davies	Seconded: Rosie Jones
Vice Chair:	Peter James	Proposed: Elwyn Davies	Seconded: Barry Hill

A discussion followed to establish what the main aims of Friends of Llanspyddid were so that they could be added to the draft constitution. These were:-

- to improve the quality of life in the village
- to develop a sense of community
- to hold social events
- to assist with the upkeep of the village
- to develop a team of community volunteers.

The draft constitution with these additions were proposed by Sunita Welch, seconded by Elwyn Davies and passed by all present.

It was also agreed that future Annual General Meetings would be held on the second Sunday of September.

Upcoming events and ideas in motion

Playground equipment Sunita reported that she was still waiting for a response from Powys. She would wait another week before asking Liam to talk to the person concerned.

Since the meeting Sunita spoke with Chris Tully of Powys County Council re: playground. Mr. Tully reiterated the agreement made in November of 2008 that if the community could raise capital funds to purchase equipment then Powys would install, maintain and insure the equipment. He also said there is no capital money for playgrounds in Powys.

Ground Force Day no date decided as Peter was not available this evening

Quiz night organised by Rob Griffiths on a Friday, date to be confirmed

Harvest Festival Thursday 30th September

There will be a guest speaker. Someone will be at the church most of the day to receive donations.

Bonfire Night 5th November 6pm for food with fireworks from 6.30pm

It was suggested that only food and children's drinks were provided this time and adults brought their own drinks. This may enable more fireworks to be bought.

Village Christmas tree Saturday 4th December

Set up tree and lights from 1pm. Pat and Allan are going to check with the Community Council about whether an electrician is required to set up and test the lights. Liam and Rob are going to find out about acquiring a 10ft tree and prices.

Decorating the tree event from 6pm. Bring decorations to put on the tree with tea/coffee to follow and possibly a quiz.

Village Carols Friday 17th December

Contributions to Suggestions box

Gill suggested a fruit orchard, poultry enclosure and community veg patch on the field. Using the church building for a book club, over 50's tea club, clothes swap and a gardening club that could be a point of contact where those that need help with jobs around the garden could access volunteers.

Pauline suggested a seed swap and a summer gardeners market.

Cath suggested an Annual village fete/fun day with all the usual stalls – books, cakes, bric-a-brac etc plus a few simple activities to keep the children amused.