

# Ymgyrch Diogelu Cymru Wledig Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales

## Brecon and Radnor Branch

Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting

Held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the Riverside Café, Glasbury

1. Present: Christine Hugh-Jones (secretary), Alan Fay, Jim Wilson, Carys Mathews (representing head office), Margaret Tregear, Sarah Bond, John French, Wendy Toomey, Joyce Jenkins, Peter Jenkins, Jonathan Morgan, Ann Payne and Peter Seaman (in the chair)
2. Chairman's welcome and statement. Peter welcomed all to the meeting and hoped they had enjoyed the architects Awards presentations.
3. Apologies for absence were received from John Oliver and Roy Adams
4. Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting. Wendy Toomey was added to the list of attendees and with this amendment, the minutes were agreed and signed.
5. Matters arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising
6. Chairman's report. Peter gave a report which highlighted the hard work of the committee especially in relation to very complex planning issues and problems within the Powys CC Planning department. He reported on the Awards the Branch had made, the branch-organised stand at the Royal Welsh Spring Festival and the cooperation with Montgomery CPRW and Hereford CPRE. He thanked the committee members most sincerely for outstanding service to rural mid Wales. In particular he thanked John French who was retiring at this meeting from the position of treasurer.
7. Financial report and adoption of accounts. John reported on the accounts which showed that expenditure had exceeded income. It was noted that the branch could draw down 25% of the annual branch subscriptions if it needed to. There was no other regular income. Peter Jenkins commented that he was surprised that all subscription income was paid to run head office as it demotivated branches in recruiting new members and obscured the membership status position at branch level. He proposed that "The Brecon and Radnor Branch believes that there should be more motivation in member recruitment by local branches and at the same time a modest income. It is therefore proposed for consideration by Council that the membership subscription should either be split or raised to provide at least £1 per member for payment to that local branch. The logic behind the proposal and the advantages are, a modest inducement to increase membership by branches, a modest reliable income for branches and an ability to demonstrate a contribution by local members to 'their' branch, thereby increasing accountability." This will not alter the present system whereby a branch may draw down 25% of the subscriptions paid by members allocated to its branch. The motion was seconded by Wendy and approved unanimously. The Branch will write to the 2 vice chairs of CPRW to ask that the motion be put before a forthcoming meeting of CPRW Council.
8. Election of officers and committee members.
  1. Election of chairman. Peter was re-elected.
  2. Retirement of treasurer. John French has given notice of his retirement. Ann Payne has been nominated to replace John. Agreed.
  3. Committee members. All committee members (Christine Hugh-Jones secretary, Jim Wilson, Lorraine Lewis, Margaret Tregear, John Oliver and Wendy Toomey were re-elected en bloc.
9. Any other business
  1. Involvement of younger people. Sarah raised the matter and asked that she hope that the branch would develop ideas to involve younger people. There was then a discussion on the matter. Noted.

The meeting was then closed