



## CYNGOR RHANBARTH / POWYS AREA

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### Minutes of Area Council meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 at Plas Dolerw

#### **Attendance**

01/10 Harry Chandler (Chair), Kevin Jones (Secretary), Alan Austin, Bob Seabrook, Derek Cosslett, Alan Rugman, Clive Payne, Chris Playford

#### **Apologies**

02/10 David Bellamy, Emlyn Williams, Sue Bosson, Annette Prince, Jonathan Beagley

#### **Minutes of Area Council Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

03/10 The minute 89/09 was amended to replace “the Carno” with “all major” and then accepted as a true record and signed by the chairman.

#### **Action items**

None.

#### **Matters arising from above minutes, that are not covered as agenda items**

None

#### **Welsh Council 2010**

04/10 The Secretary appealed for volunteers to help in the organisation from about 9.00 am, but can be in shifts. The following volunteered: Derek Cosslett, Alan Austin, Clive Payne, Harry Chandler. Also offers have been made by Emlyn & Shirley Williams. Volunteers need to submit delegate form so they can be added to lunch list.

05/10 DC reported that the town walk leader would invite donations to Spa Town Trust. This should be on the programme.

06/10 Delegates: the following were appointed: Area Reps – HC, AA; Footpaths rep. RS; Access Rep. DC.

07/10 AA suggested that Ramblers Cymru could appoint a “Patron”, and suggested Derek Brockway (the weatherman) as suitable. This can go to WC10 under AOB. **ACTION: AA**

#### **General Council**

08/10 It was **AGRRED** that our delegates will be HC and RS. They are to submit application form. **ACTION: HC,RS**

#### **Correspondence**

09/10 Secretary noted that there were no written correspondence and emails go to all officers requesting them.

### **Treasurer's Report**

10/10 It was agreed that expenses could include printer cartridges provided the claims are reasonable. Secretary suggested that claiming price per page printed is another way of covering these costs.

### **Membership Report**

11/10 AA reported that the membership database system is still struggling to cope, and is about 2 months behind. Non-Group members seem not to be included in our list at present. A quick solution has been promised.

12/10 Nigel Kelly, Ceredigion Area, is keen to set up a cross-border group based on Machynlleth. It was AGREED that we would support this.

### **Footpaths Report**

13/10 See below.

14/10 PCC has decided that cases on Tir Gofal land should override priority community cases. RS has objected to this in principle, and IT WAS AGREED that RS should negotiate as far as possible and that we could make use of Section 130 applications in particular cases.

15/10 RS noted that the Enforcement Officer seemed to be overwhelmed with cases and needed more support.

16/10 The Harley Valley application has been dealt with by a consultant, who initially recommended a road, but has agreed to make it a bridleway following our comments.

17/10 Circular Trails: AR and KJ reported that 12 circular trails are being set up with funding from EU money, which runs out in 12 months. KJ, as a community councillor, is initiating a trail in Beguildy, and Annette Prince has also been involved locally.

18/10 ChrisP said that there was little activity in the BBNP, but some path openings.

19/10 HC reported that CCW have a new National Trails Officer, who seemed keen, and wanted to use Community Payback teams to do path work.

20/10 HC noted that funding can be obtained by using volunteer time to get match funding.

21/10 HC reported that the PCC Glyndwr's Way Officer was keen to re-walk the whole route and to tackle lack of accommodation information. This will include non-accredited places.

### **Access matters**

No report.

### **Countryside & Planning matters**

22/10 AR noted that the Pentre Tump windfarm application had been refused, partly because of the impact on RoW's.

23/10 AR has received a letter about North Carno windfarm application, which will make the total in that area very large.

24/10 AR reported that the BHS were looking to get some benefits from windfarm developers, such as dedicating the site as open access and improving bridleways.

### **Area walks booklet**

25/10 Following Jonathan Beagley's suggestions at the AGM, the possibility of an area-wide booklet of walks was discussed. It was decided not to progress with this, because of difficulty in

incorporating the Welshpool groups programme, the limited need from members (who would not be very interested in walks outside their own locality because of the size of the area). Secretary to contact Jonathan and thank him for the idea. **ACTION: KJ**

#### **Group reports**

26/10 DC reported that 4 Wells reported that they intend to carry on until the next AGM and review their situation then.

27/10 KJ reported the E Radnor were doing very well, with several new regular walkers appearing.

#### **AOB**

28/10 HC reported that a new cycle/foot way linking Machynlleth to three nearby villages is complete.

**NEXT MEETING**  
**6.30pm Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> June at Plas Dolerw**

#### FOOTPATHS REPORT – AREA COUNCIL 3 MARCH 2010

This was a quiet quarter, with only one problem report received.

Correspondence with Powys CC on criteria for enforcement action continues. Counter proposals have been put forward and will be discussed with Senior RoW Maintenance Officer.

Unrecorded RoW (Lost Ways): The Natural England Stakeholder Working Group has produced its 3<sup>rd</sup> draft report. I have been consulted along the way.

A very important lost was claim should reach the order making stage next quarter, for a route in the Harley Valley.

PCC are asking developers to consult us directly with diversions instead of receiving consultations from PCC. We have agreed to receive applications directly but will continue to respond to PCC.

Training: I am awaiting training days confirmations from Ramblers Cymru for my help in delivering training.