

PEMBROKESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS
County Executive Meeting 25th January 2017

Present: Alwyn Evans (County President), Alice James (County Chairman), Non Thorne (County Vice Chairman), Eirlys Davies, Polly George, Dylan Williams (Vice Presidents), Ros Bushell, Karen Jones, Tom Bevan (Co-opted), Mair Evans (Hon Member) Rebecca Voyle (FUW) Katie Davies (NFYFC Rep), Stuart Jamieson (Brawdyhayscastle) Lisa Davies, Delun Evans (Eglwysrwrw), Sam Kurtz, Aled Harper, Hywel Davies (Fishguard) Ffion Phillips (Hermon) Eleri George, Carl Evans (Keyston), Marged Simons, Owain Lewis, Daisy Lewis (Llawhaden) Pippa Bevan, Rhydian Bevan (Llysyfran), Diane James, Rebecca Smith (Martletwy), Martha Perkins (South Pems), Hannah Phillips, Matthew Davies (Templeton), Joanne Davies, Jack Davies (Tiers Cross)

Alice James declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone along Since the last meeting It's been another busy few months for us and 2017 is flying by already,

Huge congratulations to the members from Pembrokeshire who travelled to the Brangwyn Hall in Swansea to compete in the Wales YFC Eisteddfod. It was definitely worth the trip with Pembrokeshire coming away with some fantastic results and winning the overall stage and overall cup. It was also memorable and special for Jessica Robinson winning the Ardudwy cup for best soloist and Sion winning the best recitation. In the first time in its history Wales YFC presented a crown to the best short story and it was Naomi Nicholas from Llysyfran who was named as the winner. Thank you to everyone who played their part in the success. This was an excellent achievement and we are all very proud of those that supported and took part in this success.

The County Winter Fair Competition held at Whitland Mart was again a successful day and it was Llawhaden YFC who finally came out victorious. Also congratulations to everyone who travelled to Builth Wells for the Wales YFC competitions especially to Sion Lloyd Fishguard winning in the Lamb carcass judging and Sioned Phillips Hermon YFC winning in the Beef Stock judging with George Fishguard coming 2nd in the Beef and Sion Wilson Fishguard 3rd in the Beef ensuring the team came 2nd overall.

An impressive number of members applied for both Wales YFC and NFYFC Travel opportunities with over 10 members being awarded various trips. Good luck to you all and we look forward to hearing about your trips on your return and I'm sure many clubs will be interested in inviting you to a club night.

Before Christmas the County English Public Speaking competitions were held at Pembrokeshire College where members upheld the high standard of competition. Congratulations to those who won in their individual sections and to Llysyfran YFC who won the overall Brownslade trophy. Good luck to all those who will be heading to Builth Wells as part of the winning team on the 1st of April. Again thanks to the judges and to Mrs Edna Davies and her team of stewards for their hard work in ensuring the day ran smoothly.

Congratulations to Llysyfran YFC on winning the County Knockout Quiz final and a huge thank you to Mr Dennis Reed for acting as Quiz Master.

Finally before Christmas the Queen's Ball again started the festive cheer in style. Once again Tom Bevan excelled himself transforming the Brithdir from Chicken Shed to Ball Venue. Feedback was fantastic. Thanks again Tom Bevan.

Thanks to the club chairman and secretaries who have helped input into two workshops carried out with PLANED. Nia will now be working with PLANED in writing an action plan that will help us take the movement forward.

Apologies for absence – Helen Hodges, Nia George, Nerys Roberts, Jill Luke-Evans, James George, Tania, Victoria and Gaynor Hancock, Dan Roblin, Christina Williams, Nicola Owen, Edna Davies, Lucy Treharne, Fay John, Richard Summons, Dill and Mostyn Williams, Steffan Evans, Rhodri Lewis, Sian Medi Davies, Stephanie Morgan, Dan Griffiths

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 26th October 2016 – were signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising – Polly George to be added as Apologies.

We can now confirm that suitable accommodation has been found for the Torquay AGM. Information has been posted on Facebook and further details will be featured in the newsletter. No names will be accepted without the £50 deposit and you MUST be a full member.

3. Correspondence.
TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE YFC

On Tuesday Nia had a meeting with Frank Shortt from Haverfoodfest takes place on the 6th May. The organisers are keen to invite the YFC to promote the YFC organisation and our work at the event. They are inviting us to provide a cookery demonstration at the event at the Picton Centre. They will provide a kitchen and would like members to demonstrate their skills with tasters for the audience at the end. Nia has explained that the Food festival is very close to the rally. Discussion followed and the cookery competitions were discussed especially the potential to tie in with the NFYFC Cookery competition which is normally pre rally and will potentially be completed prior to the date. It was also mentioned that past cookery winners may be interested. There will be a compare on hand to help during the demonstration and to give advice if needed. They would like our feedback as soon as possible as to whether anyone is interested. Exactly what the demonstration entails is open to discussion at a later date.

Discussion followed and it was felt that this could be a good opportunity to promote the YFC and the movement. Alice reiterated that if we commit to this we must commit. It was proposed that due to the timing of the forthcoming Rally those perhaps overage members may be available to do this. It was suggested that perhaps Non and Alice could demonstrate should nobody be available. Could information be sent out to clubs with feedback by Welsh Entertainment and inform Frank Shortt too.

Also on Tuesday Nia attended a meeting at Crug Glas where the organiser was offering clubs and county Community Project in offering their support as Marshalls for the Tour of Pembrokeshire cycling weekend happening on the 20th and 21st of May.

The organiser noted that he was not keen to involve YFC as they have been promised support in previous years from YFC and they've been let down. Nia noted that she would be unable to promise anything but would take the information back to be discussed.

The tour covers large areas of Pembrokeshire and clubs would be invited to provide marshals for junctions in their area for 2 hour slots during the day on both Saturday

and Sunday. For every 10 members / parents / leaders provided they will donate £100 to the club.

Whilst standing at a particular junction all members have to do is cheer on / motivate the cyclists and ensure they can clearly see if they need to go left / right or straight on.

The organisers were also happy for clubs to promote the upcoming rally or their clubs with banners or signs at their junction.

To promote county the organisers have a mailing list of 100,000 people including local businesses and supporters. They would be happy to do a feature on the YFC on their website and in their promo information showing how we support the event. They would also have photos and drone footage that we could use to as promotional info for us.

At county level officials have been invited to have a stand at Crug Glas promoting the organisation to attendees of the event. We were also invited if we wished to charge for face painting - simple stencils to make money for the organisation. (The idea is to have stencils of bicycles such as those they have of the dragon prior to rugby international.

Summing up..... a chance for clubs to generate £100 + for marshalling. 10 members = £100 20 members = £200 (they even said a member can do more than 1 slot and count as another member)

A chance to promote YFC where there'll be a lot of potential rally visitors and families with prospective members.

Downside – WEEK BEFORE RALLY.

Discussion followed – Suggested that could information be sent out to clubs who could feedback again by Welsh Entertainment with names of people who are able and willing to attend. Again Alice mentioned once we commit we must do so.

4. To receive and adopt the following reports:
 - a) County Competitions Sub-Committee 04/01/17 – Non Thorne moved for the adoption of a printed report of the above meeting and highlighted the following points. It has been agreed to adopt the Wales Senior Member Application form for the competition. Eisteddfod – agreed that judges will not have copies prior to the Eisteddfod. Following the review of the Winter Fair a suggestion has been made that a holding area be put in place for competitors to wait. Suggestion the Beef stock judging will take place on a different night. Knockout Quiz – each club to suggest/provide a Quiz Master. The report was adopted.
 - b) Wales Competitions Sub- Committee - Report was included in the Wales Council Report.
 - c) County Board of Management 11/01/17 – In moving for the adoption of a printed report Karen highlighted the following points: she complimented everyone on the meeting being well attended. The Pub of the Month will be hosted by Eglwysrwrw this month. The points raised following the email from Christina Williams have been discussed and addressed. Accounts/LHP – points and a summary were given. A second meeting took place and although amendments have been made to the adjusted accounts they have still not been adopted. Money from Pembrokeshire County Council has not been received and apparently not applied for previously. Karen as assured everyone that she will do her best to secure this funding. Projections and

Sponsors have been suggested for future. Feedback from the recent burglary after Queen's Ball, currently the Police have closed the case due to lack of evidence. Only mention has been an "orange car", Tom suggested that a Press Release be put together providing the Show and the Police have no objections. It has been proposed that every club be asked to help with the clean up on the Sunday following the Ball. Now that AGM has been merged into one AGM it was felt that there would be no need to a Guest Speaker. Prior to Board of Management and Exec a Staff meeting took place. Regarding Finance – it was felt that a set banking day take place each week so that cheques received would be banked in the same week. The report was adopted.

- d) Rural Affairs Sub Committee 19/01/17 – In moving for the adoption of a verbal report Ros Bushell noted that a tour would take place towards the end of September due to the Chairman's wedding taking place in November. Tour will take place in North Wales as James has some contacts and they will go for 2 nights 3 days. The April meeting a guest speaker has been arranged and Canon Eileen Davies will attend. The next farm visit will hopefully be to Capestone with Sunday lunch to follow date/time to be confirmed. Ros Bushell also noted that from April Georgie Radmore will be the new Rural Affairs secretary. The report was adopted.
- e) Wales Council to include sub-committees 21/01/17 In moving for the adoption of a verbal report Alice James mentioned that comperes are required for the 4th/5th March Wales Entertainment. Suggestion to ask the outgoing senior and junior member. Wales also would like names provided by the 13th February along with 9 stewards for the Welsh and English. Daisy Lewis has put her name forward as being available for a section preferably a late slot. Pembrokeshire have been drawn 1st for the Welsh and 5th out of 7 for the English. There will be no Efficiency with Safety competition at Wales 2018 however a workshop competition will take place and will be skills based. Public Speaking U21 Braintrust will be able to compete in the Just a Minute competition too. Theme for Rally 2018 will be "up above". Eisteddfod will not have a duet competition at Wales's level but the competition can be set as County only. International – all forms for travelling can be submitted with a covering letter from the County Organiser instead of each form being signed. The Wales AGM will take place in Aberystwyth on the 30th Sept/1st October. Spring Festival will have stock judging and Foot golf for members to compete in. Congratulations were extended to Tom Bevan who has been co-opted onto Wales Committee. We need to pass who the new rep for events and marketing will be and the 3rd person on council. Aled Thomas has expressed an interest and Joanne Davies was happy to propose him. Buy a Brick – discussion followed around whether county would support Wales YFC. Clubs would like information and then a decision can be made. Perhaps past members or family would support. Katie Davies mentioned that the Finance and Management Committee at Wales can have an observer from county. A Name can be provided. The Report was adopted.

- 5. Any other meeting attended by an YFC representative: - County Show – Karen raised the following points Alex Bruce resigned on the 23rd December with immediate effect and an advertisement is out for a suitable replacement. Cows and Sheep will now be at

the show for the 3 days in a large marquee. Lady Ambassador Applications are now open. Could the link be sent out to members who may be interested in applying?

6. Year Book – Discussion followed and it was agreed that county would like to continue with the Year Book for 2017. Editor to remain as Rhiannon James and the Advertising Editor to remain as Katie Davies. Katie Davies mentioned that as she would be coming overage shortly perhaps it would be a good idea for a member to observe and assist with this.
7. County Youth Forum – Jack Burchmore reported on the Youth Forum meeting and noted the following: Winter Fair a raffle took place and £30 was raised. They are looking at possible dates to attend County Hall for a visit and a guest speaker also. 9th July will be a car wash to take place at Canaston Bowl – list of items need to be provided and will go out to clubs who may be able to assist. Frisbee Gold on the 5th April – question asked how many senior members per junior members needed to attend? Suggestion to clarify with Nia. Laser Tag has been cancelled in July do to holiday commitments. April Exec meeting the Youth Forum is proposing to do a Bake Off and Exec to judge afterwards. The Ball will hopefully take place at the Snooty Fox although they are currently closed. However dates suggested are the 24/25th March or the 18th March members only tickets at £7 in advance with £10 at the door. Rob Thomas Disco to be asked and each club to provide a delegated dish so they don't end up with 12 pizzas! They are hoping to do some fundraising at the Entertainment final to raise some much needed funds.
8. Any other business – Mr Michael Davies is unavailable to host the Welsh Entertainment. Lola Phillips has been suggested as a 1st contact with Dafydd Hughes as reserve.

Ros Bushell mentioned that parking at Ysgol Bro Gwaun is somewhat challenging therefore can people please wherever possible either car share or park sensibly without blocking the caretakers house.

Welsh clubs practice night to be confirmed.

March 31st Crug Glas are holding a “night at the races” in aid of St David's and District Ploughing, posters are available and could everyone promote.

9. To confirm date of next meeting: 29th March 2017

Meeting closed at 9:15pm