

PEMBROKESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS
Minutes of the County Executive Committee held at Agriculture House,
Haverfordwest on Wednesday, 25th October 2017

Present: Non Thorne (County Chairman), Alwyn Evans (County President), Katie Davies (Vice County Chairman), Haydn Davies, Eirlys Davies (Vice Presidents), Edna Davies, Mair Evans, Dill Williams, Mostyn Williams (Hon Member) Tom Bevan, Ros Bushell (Co-opted), James George (Rural Affairs), Adam George, Stuart Jamieson, Joshua Phillips (Brawdyhayscastle), Stephanie Morgan, Christina Williams, Dan Roblin, Liz King, George Radmore (Clunderwen) Lisa Davies, Esther Davies, Delun Evans, Iwan George (Eglwysrwr) Charles George, Carrie Crossley, Hywel Davies, (Fishguard) Rhodri Lewis, Steffan Evans (Hermon) Dan Morgan, Lawrence Hancock, Kath Rogers, Tania Hancock, Eleri George (Keyston) Owain Lewis, Daisy Lewis, Emily Jones, Simon Snape (Llawhaden) Rhydian Bevan, Christina Morgan, Jonathon Morgan (Llysyfran) Diane James (Martletwy) Martha Perkins, Lauren Davies (South Pems) Hannah Phillips, Matthew Davies (Templeton) Joanne Davies, Aled Thomas, Lucy Kiff (Tiers Cross)

Apologies for absence

Karen Jones, Alice James, Nicola Owen, Gaynor Hancock, Rebecca Smith, Cerys Ratcliffe, Pippa Bevan, Betsan Williams, Jill Luke-Evans, Aled Harper.

Chairman's remarks

Non declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone. She noted that since our previous meeting we'd had the Shwmae Awards won this year by our vice chairman Katie Davies. Congrats Katie but also well done to Alice and Charlie who were also nominated. Non noted that it was also great to see a number of people associated with YFC being recognised with Mrs Marilyn Lewis winning the Urdd award and Mrs Wendy Edwards winning an award for her café business at Castell Henllys. Also we were very proud of Harmoni from Maenclochog and their conductor Angharad Edwards who provided the entertainment. It was great to see so many past and present members on the stage. We were also told that the lifetime achievement award was to be awarded to Mr John Lloyd Jones who is also a lie member of Pembrokeshire YFC

We had a very successful evening with the new club officials in Narberth with most clubs represented. The Harvest Festival at Martletwy was also successful and a great opportunity to come together to give thanks and to collect for PATCH.

Non reported that the first competition of the year is firmly under our belt and despite it being a late night or rather early morning I'm sure everyone will agree it was a fantastic showcase of YFC talent. Huge congratulations to every member who stepped on to the stage and had a go. A special congratulation to Naomi Nicholas on winning the crown and Christina Morgan on winning the chair, to Eisteddfod winners Eglwysrwr, Llysyfran on winning the homework and light section and to Delun Evans who won the newly presented highest individual marks in the homework.

1. **There are no minutes as the last minutes were signed during the AGM.**
2. **Matters arising – None**

3. Correspondence

Email Carol Singing – Welsh Farmhouse Company have invited us to sing in Narberth any Saturday in December. Agreed to send it to clubs to see if there is any interest.

Letter St David's Ploughing – Non read a letter from the Ploughing association trying to encourage more members to take part in ploughing and suggesting ways the YFC could support more members to take part. Eleri George gave further information. It was agreed to send information to clubs and ask for their response by January Competitions meeting.

4. To receive and adopt the following reports:

A. Wales Council and Sub Committees

In moving for the adoption of a verbal report Non gave the following details from all the sub committees' reports

i. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Non highlighted the following points:-

- Mr Hugh Richards introduced himself to Council members as the new chairman of the Finance and management board.
- The Federation has been involved in a de-brief following James Corfield' tragic death, during which the Federation was praised for the work it does to safeguard young people staying at the Young People's Village. Going forward Wales YFC will be part of a safety advisory group to consider safety issues throughout the town, roads and rivers associated with the event.
- Wales YFC was presented with an award 'Services to Agriculture' by the FUW at their reception during the Royal Welsh Show.
- The organisation has been awarded £11,000 by the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust to assist in the production of resources for Wales YFC and Counties to promote agriculture to the wider community.
- The committee are considering alternative bankers for the Federation, but in the interim period will remain with NatWest.
- Massey Ferguson has become a corporate sponsor of Wales YFC.
- The committee reviewed all costs in relation to YFC events held to date in 2017 and in future it was noted that whether possible all events should try and make a surplus.
- Issues that arose with regards to NPTC's requests for the transfer of the head lease have now been resolved and we continue to work with JCP solicitors to move forward on the acquisition of the YFC Centre.
- The committee have been working with Dwr Cymru who is keen to support Wales YFC. In exchange for the opportunity to promote their new 'Water Source' project within the YFC meeting room, the company would sponsor Wales YFC to the value of £4,000+Vat for the next five years. In addition they have offered to redecorate the meeting room, foyer and coffee bar area of the YFC Centre, with their branding only in the meeting room. They would bear the cost of this and would be approx. £20,000.

Members of Council discussed the offer by Dwr Cymru to support the YFC and to redecorate the downstairs meeting room, foyer and coffee bar area. Ceredigion asked whether it would be feasible for YFC members to be offered the chance to undertake some or all of the work. It was noted that this question had been raised and Dwr Cymru had agreed to this in principle. Following further discussion, Council agreed to accept the offer and move forward with the redecoration.

ii. COMPETITIONS SUB COMMITTEE

- The Wales YFC National Eisteddfod to be held in Venue Cymru, Llandudno on Saturday 18th November, 2017 will start at the new time of 10.00am
- The committee are looking to book Aberystwyth University for the 2018 Sports Day.

- A working group has met to begin arrangements for the 2018 Eisteddfod to be hosted by Glamorgan. Barry being considered as a potential venue.
- The Stockman of the year competition in 2018 / 2019 will judge breeding ewes, not fat lambs.
- Members were encouraged to participate in the new Dairy Stockjudging competition to be held at the Dairy Event in Carmarthen on Tuesday 24th October.
- A junior wood work competition will replace the Fencing competition at the Royal Welsh Show on the Thursday afternoon. This will be an additional competition to the 2018 programme. The competition in 2018 will consist of an up-cycling a wooden pallet.
- The new officers for the committee will be Chairman - Dewi Parry, Clwyd YFC

Vice Chairman - Elen Williams, Glamorgan YFC

- Council gave permission for members of the staff association to consider all competition rules, with any concerns regarding health and safety, cost and suitability to be forwarded to the competitions committee as far in advance of the competition as possible. All were in agreement that improved communication would solve most of the problems in relation to the competition rules.

iii TRAINING

- The new officers for the training committee will be chairman Stephanie Morgan, Pembrokeshire YFC Vice Chairman – AJ Powell, Radnor YFC

iv RURAL AFFAIRS

- The Wales YFC Lamb initiative continues to grow steadily, with a very successful on farm event held at Windsor Farm, Pembrokeshire recently. Thanks were extended to the family for the welcome extended to the YFC.
- Luned Evans of Menter a Busnes updated members on the 'integrated beef scheme project'. Excellent figures were reported on the progress of animals through the scheme. The issue of finding finishing farms was highlighted.
- Preparations are underway for the 2018 Rural Affairs Conference, in association with CCF. The theme of the conference would be based on the supply chain and marketing. Ideas of speakers were welcomed. To be held at the Royal Welsh Showground on Saturday 13th January.
- Future events will include the Lamb initiative farm visit to Cwm Risca on Thursday 12th October, with a Dairy Demo day to be held at the Rhiwlas Estate, Bala on Wednesday, 18th October.
- The new officers for the committee are Chairman – Dafydd Jones, Meirionnydd YFC
Vice Chairman – Hefin Evans, Carmarthenshire YFC.

v. EVENTS & MARKETING

- Following a review of the 2017 Young People's Village it was noted that just under 4,000 young people had stayed on site with caravans full to capacity for the first time in the history of the event. With the tragic situation the YFC were faced with during the event, it highlighted that the procedures that have been put in place over the years work well.
- The 2018 AGM to be held in Aberystwyth on the 28th – 30th September.
- The new officers for the committee are
Chairman – Sioned Edwards, Ynys Mon YFC

Vice Chairman – Carys Thomas, Carmarthenshire YFC.

Vi INTERNATIONAL

- The closing date for applications for the 2018 international programme was noted as the 3rd November,
- Interviews to take place on Sunday 12th November.
- Those unable to attend would be able to take part in the selection day by using skype.
- To amend the name of the 'administration fee' to an 'international fee'.
- The international fee to be paid upon selection to rise from £20.00 to £40.00. A refund of £20.00 will be given on receipt of a report of the member's trip.
- The new officers for the committee were

Chairman – Angela Evans, Ceredigion YFC

Vice Chairman – Angharad Edwards, Pembrokeshire YFC.

Sub Committee reports

Non asked if anyone from the individual committees had anything to add.

The Report was adopted

B.County Competitions Sub Committee

In moving for the adoption of a printed report Katie Davies highlighted the following from Competitions meeting.

Park House has been booked for Queens's ball and rally

Alun Griffiths will be quiz master for the Quiz final.

Llangloffan Cross have been suggested as a venue for the 2018 Field Day

Eisteddfod – President Alwyn Evans has kindly donated a crown for this year and next year as a keepsake for the winning entry from the short story competition.

19th February – Richard George has been suggested as Quiz master for the Pub Quiz with Dennis Reed as reserve.

The draw for the 2018 county panto was made Draw for Panto:-

Welsh

Hermon

Eglwysrwr

English -

Wednesday 7th Feb

South Pembs/ /Templeton

Fishguard

Llysyfran

Thursday 8th

Llawhaden

Brawdyhayscastle

Keyston

Friday 9th

Clunderwen

TX

Martletwy

There will be no adjudicator on the final night just a performance from the final three and the results

Indoor Sports Draw

Hosting:

South Pembs V Llysyfran

Clunderwen V Hermon

Keyston V Llawhaden

Brawdyhayscastle V Tiers Cross

Bye

Martletwy

Eglwysrwr

Fishguard

Templeton

A number of extra competitions have been added and we need to decide if we hold them where.

Tiers Cross was the only club to express an interest in preparing a sign for the winter fair. It was agreed that they be invited to produce the sign and any financial gain would be given to the club.

A discussion followed and it was agreed Intention of entry for each competition would be sent out in time for the next meeting in January

Sheep Dog Trials
Clay Pigeon Shooting
Disco Dancing
Jump Rope
Dream Machines

Proposals had been sent to clubs for discussion regarding the Queen attendant and male ambassador competition. A discussion followed with all clubs voicing their club's responses. A vote followed and it was narrowly agreed to leave the competition as it was but due to the closeness of the vote Katie suggested an annual review.

It was also agreed to hold the competition on a Sunday prior to the field day and keep the result to be announced at the field day dance.

Suggestions were made for the adjudicators for Male ambassador and Queen and Attendants: -

Ros Bushel
Meurig Raymond
Mererid Jones
Aled Jones
Nick Williams
Janet Morgan

Reserves: Eirios Thomas, Joy Cornock Thomas.

It was agreed for county officials to decide which judge was asked to judge which category.

Entry form for Queen Attendants and male Ambassadors Competition
Members had also requested amendments to the dated entry form. No suggestions had been received but Nia had prepared an amended entry form for discussion. This draft was discussed and amended and a finalised new form was agreed.

Ball in a Hall - Llawhaden Hall. Black and white themed evening. Pay on the door £7 per ticket. Bring your own nibbles and drinks. Dancing to Dan Morgan DJ.

Pub of the Month - Hermon are to arrange of the pub of the month followed by Keyston

The report was adopted.

C. County Rural Affairs Committee

In moving for the adoption of the report – James highlighted that Alison George spoke to the committee at their recent meeting and that the discussion had previously in correspondence had also been discussed during the rural affairs meeting.

Forthcoming events taking place on Wednesday 1st Dec. Carcass Judging with training. Everyone welcome

Daioni TBC

Suggestions and ideas were asked for the next meeting to arrange a social for the rural affairs committee.

The report was adopted.

D. County Board of Management

Non apologised on behalf of the board of management chairman Karen Jones who is unable to attend this evening and read a printed report highlighting the following points.

A Decision has been made to remain with LHP for the year coming.

Non thanked everyone who helped with Ball in the Hall.

Letters have been sent to all past chairmen and presidents inviting them to join the patron scheme. Karen read the list of current Patrons and challenged every member on the Board of Management to sign up people they know as Patrons of Pembrokeshire YFC. A suggestion was made to send out the Patron's Letter to all club leaders to see if they may be interested in signing up to the scheme

Nia will be arranging a meeting to sort out sponsor's packs.

Tickets, Posters etc. for the QB were shown to the committee

Tom also showed a plan for the event's layout

Stewarding was discussed and it was agreed that ALL clubs had to provide a steward for the duration of the event including set up and clearing up.

It was agreed to tender for the supply of fast food at the end of the night. Cegin Cwm Gwaun and Cegin Cawl Potch to be asked to tender by early November and county

Officials will make the decision along with Tom.

2017 County Annual General Meeting Review.

A review of the AGM's was had and the Amalgamation of the AGM's had been an overall success.

The following changes / improvements were suggested for next year:-

Nominations - Deadlines for Vice Presidents and Vice Chair to be the same date so that clubs have time to discuss nominees and voting
Club AGM dates to be earlier to allow time for new club officials especially secretaries to bring in entries for competitions such as Wayne Mathias, Club Records, Accounts.

Certificates to individuals - Certificates to individuals and clubs from Wales or National to be made during the Club AGM not county.

Wayne Mathias - More information given about the nature of the award and why the winner has been chosen.

Awards - A general explanation of all county awards what they are fair and what's included to win them would be given prior to presentation.

Admission Charges for County Pantomime Competition were suggested:-.

Admission to prelims £5

Admission to Final £6

Raffle on sale and programme FOC

A discussion was had on how to keep a record of how many people are in the hall during the performances. It was agreed that tickets would be made up to keep track of how many people were in the auditorium.

Karen explained the theory behind the sponsor's packs and how it works. The hope is to target bigger businesses e.g. Puffin, Capestone, Mansel Davies for meetings regarding benefits to businesses. Etc.

1. Staff Matters were discussed and new targets set as follows.
Possibly organise promotional literature for school open days, possibly set spending maximum - can this be a target (publicity)

Nia noted that taking time off and toil were proving difficult and as a result she was losing up to 5 days a year. Nia requested being able to roll over about 5 days until January.

A discussion followed

A comment was made that this would make it more of a problem next year. However as felt that if a time limit of end of January was put on it was only fair. It was noted that Nia has never taken holidays during busy periods and wouldn't leave the county in the lurch with activities not arranged.

Holidays - agreed to roll over up to 5 days for Nia until January 2018

2. Any Other business

- County Pantomime. Costs? Venue?

It was agreed that the county Pantomime would be held over four venues with the cost being £5 per ticket. Clubs would be asked to stewards in their area and all proceeds to county.

Friday night Cheese and Wine with the RWAS to reveal the Lady Ambassador for Pembrokeshire 2017 £5 a ticket. Information has been sent to secretaries and pigeonholes.

Eisteddfod Saturday 1pm Theatre y Gromlech, Ysgol Y Preseli.

Llawhaden YFC - Sunday Lunch 12th November - Book Now!!

Wales Dairy Show - Wales YFC Stockjudging competition

3 Trophies- sponsored.

Starts at 12 noon

Membership card required.

Date of next meeting - January 17th Agriculture House 8pm.

Non moved for the adoption of the report which was adopted.

E. County Harvest Festival

Diane James from Martletwy gave a short report on behalf of Martletwy YFC. Non thanked Diane and Martletwy YFC Members for organising the Harvest event and for the warm welcome received by all.

E. NFYFC Council Meeting 21/10/17

In moving for the adoption of a verbal report Katie Davies – highlighted the following from the council meeting which she attended on the same day as our county Eisteddfod. the Rules & Byelaws Working Party discussed the age the members of NFYFC Council and what it should be. Council members are chosen and elected by your county executive committee to represent you and put forward your county's views at NFYFC's Council meetings.

Also discussed the structure of council and the board. Katie highlighted that this does directly affect our grass root members as one discussion point was regarding the levy. For example should the levy still be voted on in agm or whether the council should have the final decision and overall a decision passed at AGM

Another point raised was the role of life members and life vice presidents and their existence.

These were not decided and further consultation would take place prior to council with NFYFC hoping to make a decision at the next council.

Katie moved for the adoption of the report.

Non thanked Katie for making the effort to attend the meeting and for attempting to get back for the Eisteddfod. A discussion followed and members felt that council should not be allowed to overrule decisions made in AGM.

F. Youth Forum report

In moving for the adoption of a verbal report Sioned Phillips chairman of the youth forum informed the meeting that the group had been discussing – Junior Events for 2018 which included :-

24th November Hanger 5

Junior Ball 2nd March – Snooty Fox Dan Morgan to DJ

Raffle for Winter Fair – To hold a fundraiser at the Winter fair

Holding a Mixer event between three counties Newcastle Emlyn Rugby Club

She moved for the movement of the the report.

It was noted that the Junior Ball would fall day before the Wales Entertainment final.

8.Quiz Draw

Home

Fishguard V Tiers Cross

Keyston V Brawdyhayscastle

Clunderwen V Martletwy

Llysyfran V Templeton

9. Any other business

Rhydian Bevan on behalf of members of Llysyfran YFC raised the issue of not having a judge for the final. The decision was discussed again and members felt that the move to not having a judge would be on a trial basis to be reviewed again. It was noted that members had felt quite strongly about the changing of the format this year.

Hermon YFC informed the meeting that the date for their POM would be 24th November and invited county members to come along if they wished.

Tiers Cross Quiz informed the meeting that they were holding a quiz and auction on Friday with rounds from past county chairman, presidents and familiar faces . This Friday at the Welcome Traveller. Everyone welcome.

St David's Ploughing Race Night – Eleri George advertised the event

Llysyfran YFC are organising a Trip to the rugby and welcomed anyone who wanted to come along to get in touch

7th November Bonfire night Llysyfran YFC.

Hermon YFC Welsh Whisperer – tickets are on sales.

Llawhaden Sunday Lunch 12th November

Bingo Clunderwen Hall 30th October 7pm

Non's BIG trip – County Chairman Non Thorne announced that she would be Cycling to Blackpool in time for the AGM. Leaving on Tuesday May 1st days. 260 miles to arrive on the Friday. Non noted that she had already started training and was hoping that some members would be willing to join her. Members were all very supportive and a few showed interest in joining Non.

10. To confirm date of next meeting will be Wednesday 31st January 2018 at
8pm

Non Confirmed the next meeting and declared the meeting closed.

Meeting closed 9.27pm