

PEMBROKESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS
Minutes of the County Executive Committee held at Agriculture House,
Haverfordwest on Wednesday, 31st January 2018

Present: 34 as per attendance book

Apologies for absence

Steffan Evans, Martha Perkins, Lauren Davies, Matthew Davies, Christina Morgan, Rhydian Bevan, Christina Williams, Rhodri Lewis, Lisa Davies, Iwan George, Tom Bevan, Delme Harries, Dill Williams, Gaynor Hancock, Jill George, James George, Hywel Davies, Daisy Lewis, Tania Hancock

Chairman's remarks

Welcome & Declare the meeting open. It's unbelievable how fast the year is flying by but great to see the Pembrokeshire members are as competitive and successful as ever. Since our last meeting we've had the Wales Eisteddfod where Pembrokeshire came a respectable 5th place with notable success for Jess Robinson, Clunderwen in the solo or film solo, and Naomi Nicholas Llysyfran winning her second Wales Eisteddfod crown.

Winter Fair was another successful county event with the weather staying nice for the day. A great turnout of members participated in the day. Congratulations to all the section winners and particularly to Llysyfran YFC the overall winners. Also congratulations to everyone who travelled to Builth Wells for the Wales YFC competition.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the County English Public Speaking competitions held before Christmas especially to those who won in their individual sections and to Llysyfran & Llawhaden YFC who won the Brownslate trophy. Good luck to those who will be heading to Builth Wells as part of the winning team on the 24th March. 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 Keyston YFC on winning the County Knockout Quiz final and a huge thank you to Alun Griffiths for acting as Quiz Master.

Hope everyone enjoyed the three Queen's Balls especially ours in the Brithdir. Congratulations to Jill and Iwan and the attendants on what seemed to be a lovely evening and a special thanks to Tom Bevan and his team on pulling together a wonderful event. Really pleasing to hear positive feedback from other counties.

Its Panto fever up next and it's fantastic to be able to say that all 12 clubs are involved in either the Welsh or English Panto. Good Luck to all those competing. Congratulations to those who were successful in their International Travel applications: Hannah Phillips, Angharad Edwards, Eleri George, Rhodri Lewis, Ffion Edwards, and Berwyn Warlow.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting 25th October 2017** - Minutes were read and signed as a true record.
2. **Matters arising** - no matters arising.
3. **Correspondence:**
 - a) NFU Next Generation Group - applications are now open for the NFU Cymru Next Generation Group. If you would like to help shape the future of Welsh agriculture and are under the age of 40. Relevant information and application forms have been circulated on email but are also available on request from the office.
 - b) **DPJ Foundation** *We are planning an expedition during October (dates to be confirmed) where we will be canoeing from the source of the river Teifi in Tregaron to the mouth in Poppet Sands. The aim*

of this expedition is to raise awareness of the importance of mental health - specifically within the rural and agriculture sector. This expedition is being organised by a group from Clynfyw care farm, Kinora (Cardigan) West Wales Action For Mental Health and The DPJ Foundation. It is planned to a ¾ day expedition.

We would love some Young Farmers to join us and put teams together as part of the expedition. We are very much at the planning stages but we would love to keep in touch with you about this and hope to have leaflets etc. for you soon. If you have any questions please get in touch.

Thank you!

Following a discussion it was decided to ask for more information.

- c) **Agri Academy** to be announced each evening at various industry events i.e. Union events, County YFC Pantomime Week and during Wales YFC Entertainment Weekend 2018. Farming Connect Agri Academy 2018...have you got what it takes to be a rural leader or agricultural entrepreneur? The search starts for Wales' next generation of rural leaders and entrepreneurs.

The Agri Academy, now approaching its sixth year and with 165 alumni, brings together some of the most promising people making their way in the agricultural industry today. This unique programme which takes place over three short, action packed study periods and overseas visits, gives individuals selected the inspiration, confidence, skills and networks they need to become future rural leaders, professional business people and entrepreneurs. The application window for this year's programme is open from Tuesday 23 January to Friday, 30 March 2018.

There are three distinct programme options, the Agri Academy's Rural Leadership programme, a collaboration with the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society, aims to develop and nurture a new generation of leaders and individuals keen to influence the rural agenda at a local, regional and European level. The programme provides an opportunity to meet and lobby Welsh Government and EU figureheads in Wales and Brussels and to learn the skills of effective public speaking and media interviews.

The Business and Innovation programme offers personal and business development which can help candidates meet the challenges of farming in the future, as they network and learn from top industry experts and business leaders at home and during an overseas study visit to Iceland.

The Junior Academy, which is run in partnership with Wales YFC, is targeted at Young People aged 16-19 considering a career in the food and farming industries. For many it provides focus and guidance at a time when many are uncertain about their future career pathways and a prestigious notch on their CV.

For further information, eligibility criteria and to download application forms, visit the Farming Connect website or contact your Local Development Officer.

4. To receive and adopt the following reports:

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

a) Events & Marketing Competitions Sub- Committee 7/01/18

- "Reps" will be introduced for the Young People' Village as a means of promoting the event. Reps will receive incentives, such as tickets to the YPV etc.
- To increase the cost of entertainment packages for non-YFC members.
- To change the date of the AGM 2018 to the 15th and 16th September 2018
- To change the AGM Weekend format - to hold the AGM to Saturday morning and sub-committees to pm and then "Chairman's Ball"/ "Chairs Ball" for the night (over 18's only members) Saturday night, and Wales YFC Council to take place on the Sunday morning.

b) County Competitions Sub-Committee 10/01/18

In moving for the adoption of a printed report Katie Davies raised the following points:-

- Cardigan Show - An email had been from the Cardigan Show who has asked us for suggestions for a young person to judge the "young handlers section at their show.
- Names suggested: - Non Thorne
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- Laura Elliott had approached us asking for our support of her nomination for NFYFC vice chair. It was agreed unanimously to second the nomination
- Wales Eisteddfod -Experts Meeting - The 2018 Eisteddfod experts meeting will be held on the 16th January in the FUW building in Aberystwyth, starting at 7.30pm. The county need to elect two people to attend as experts to share their opinions /advise in selection of pieces for the 2018 Eisteddfod. Names suggested are Arwel Evans Angharad Edwards and Marilyn Lewis, Tomos Lewis.
- Hannah Phillips gave a brief report from a Wales Competitions sub Committee
- Katie led a discussion of the draft rules for the 2019 competitions
- SINGING suggestion Eurovision/Can I Gymru
- Members felt that the 'fun' and 'atmosphere' normally associated with this competition has gone out of it with more emphasis given to 'pure' singing rather than performance. They felt that the competition's theme Eurovision / Can I Gymru is a good idea but felt that the task should rather than read "Perform a song/medley....." should in fact read "To emulate a group or artist...." Stressing those groups would be marked for how alike to the individual or band they were.
- It was also suggested that live music should be disallowed in favour of backing tracks as the competition is slowed down with tuning and stage preparations. Members wanted it to be clear that this competition is about the performance and atmosphere generated as opposed to the purity of the sound.
- DANCING - It was felt that the dance competition was left to wide open and difficult to get an appropriate judge with the relevant broad knowledge and ability in the various styles. Members felt at least one dance should be chosen and suggested contemporary dance and any other or a Dance routine from a musical / film and any other contrasting dance.
- TO ILLUSTRATE A NUSERY RHYME - Members felt that as there is also the other craft competition that clarification was given on what is meant by 'ILLUSTRATE'. Members felt that illustrate should be more specific and

suggested added Illustrate the front cover of your favourite nursery rhyme. The mood board to contain choice of colours, themes etc. appropriate for nursery aged children.

- PALLET RECYCLING/ Fencing - A Theme would make the competition easier for competitors and in terms of judges. Suggested themes were: - Storage, Garden Furniture. It was agreed to suggest these to Wales.
- (D) Letter from St David's ploughing association - At the last Exec meeting we received a letter from the St David's ploughing.
- Feedback from clubs was that it would be difficult to hold a competition during field day as we would be asking a farm to allow us to plough a field supplied by them.
- It was noted that the various Ploughing competitions have already got specific classes for young ploughers and it was agreed that any information sent forward regarding specific ploughing competitions would be promoted to members via email, Facebook and the website.
- It was agreed that Nia would respond to Mrs Alison George with regard to this.
- Rule Amendments have been received from Wales YFC. They are as follows:-
- English & Welsh Public Speaking - Junior Reading Section - A clarification of the scale of marks has been included
- Rules have been added to the rally 2018 pack for the Junior woodwork competition 'Pallet Recycling' which is being held at the 2018 Royal Welsh Show instead of the Junior fencing competition.
- It was agreed that to avoid future confusion that these rules should be adopted at county now.
- Hard copies of the updated rules are in the packs ready for each secretary to collect and the website to be updated accordingly.
- Accompanist - A question had been raised regarding accompanist at the Pantomime competition.
- In the Welsh competition an overage accompanist can be used however in NFYFC rules and in the English Pantomime Competition at Wales no overage members are permitted.
- Eisteddfod Review
- As previously mentioned we had a successful Eisteddfod once again this year and entries were up on previous years.
- The venue once again worked well with people able to see what was going on from the canteen. Judges were happy with everything and had an enjoyable time as adjudicators.
- As previously mentioned the competition pieces must be scrutinised to ensure a level playing field in both English and Welsh Pieces. It is also vitally important that colloquialism doesn't result in members opting out from competing in Welsh and ensuring a standard level of language is used if possible. However as previously discussed the experts meeting is a welcomed and vital subcommittee of competitions that will we hope ensure the continuation of a very good Bilingual Eisteddfod
- Suggestions for county Eisteddfod:
- Start the Eisteddfod at 11.30am instead of 1pm to ensure we finish on the same day as we started.
- Potential to cap numbers competing.
- A thought would be to maybe tender for a food van to be on site from around 5.30pm. As food is not readily available and some people may have been there since early on in the day.

- A discussion followed regarding the time to start as the day had flown by quite quickly and the time was lost after the break. It was noted that the adjudicators and accompanist appreciated having a break between the two sessions. A discussion was also had regarding having a cap on the number of competitors allowed from each club in a competition but it was felt with an earlier start time for the day this wouldn't be necessary and could be looked at again for next year if entries continued to raise.
- Winter Fair Review
- Decorate a Christmas Wreath -
- The rule to this competition needs greater clarification.
- It was asked that for the wreath that all members were to bring all materials and complete the making of the wreath on the day.
- It was agreed that each club should have access to a socket for the competition
- A note should be added for the county competition that members are expected to provide their own tables as they will not be supplied.
- It was suggested that the judges in the stock judging competitions should give their placings and provide feedback so members had the opportunity to learn from the experience.
- Location - A question was raised regarding the location as Whitland is not within the county. It was noted that other locations had been looked at and based on weather conditions in the past having the undercover areas at Whitland have been beneficial. It was also noted that the food available at Whitland is a bonus.
- It was noted that the scarecrow competition could be done earlier as they are towards the end of the day and aren't up for long enough for people to see. It was noted that some junior members are also involved with stock judging in the morning.
- It was noted that 1 hr would be more than enough time for members to construct their scarecrow and that the rules should be changed to 1 hour instead of 2.
- English Public Speaking Competition
- In moving for the adoption of a verbal report Edna noted her thanks as chief steward to all the stewards and judges for their time and help in running the competition.
- She noted it had been a successful day on the whole but had a few suggestions for improvements to be made for future competitions.
- A named recorder to be appointed for the competition when we discuss next year's competition with a separate room for recording.
- A separate area for judges and stewards food as everyone was in the same room and judges had no separate area to discuss and decide.
- To hold extra competitions such as just a minute in a separate competition room.
- A suggestion was made to ask Cegin Cawl Potch to provide catering in the quad outside the college so that hot food was available for those attending the whole day with the Queen and attendants continuing to provide light refreshments tea coffee crisps sweets and cans.
- The report was adopted and Katie thanked Edna and her team for ensuring the smooth running of the day. A discussion followed and the following points were raised
- Some clubs expressed concern that members are unavailable to compete at the Public speaking day due to it being set a day before the commencement of exams at school. It was agreed to look at the dates during the June

competitions meeting and asked if clubs could try and ensure they know which dates their schools have exams.

- It was also noted that having the day so close to the queen's ball meant that some members were either not coming back choosing to return for Queen's ball or vice versa.
- Intention of Entry for additional competitions and dates & judges for competitions if required :-
- (A) Sheep Dog Trials - it was agreed that Eglwysrwrw YFC would be invited to entry directly.
- (B) Clay Pigeon Shooting - This is direct entry to national 30th June
- Male & Junior - There was quite a bit of interest in this competition. It was agreed to hold a county round with the winners to be invited to compete on behalf of county in the male and junior competition.
- A question was raised regarding the supply of a gun and cartridges. It was noted that the rules state that the competitor must supply their own equipment and have a valid gun licence or have a non-competing license holder with them supervising them at all times.
- Female - Hermon YFC were the only club to declare interest and therefore it was agreed to invite them to compete.
- A discussion followed and it was agreed that a county competition would be run for the male and junior section. A suggestion was made to hold the competition on a Sunday afternoon
- Judges were suggested as:-
- Richard Fussell (Dylan)
- Reserve: Ben Llewellyn (Christina)
- (C) Disco Dancing - The Wales Competition will be held at the Public Speaking Day on the 24th March so a prelim would need to be held prior to this if needed. Corresponding date to last year -
- Competition to take place on the 16th March Llawhaden Hall. Any club that wishes to withdraw must inform County Office by the 31st January.
- (D) Jump Rope - The Wales Competition will be held at the Public Speaking Day on the 24th March so a prelim would need to be held prior to this if needed.
- Competition to take place on the 16th March Llawhaden Hall. Any club that wishes to withdraw must inform County Office by the 31st January.
- It was agreed to look at last year's list of judges suggested for appropriate people.
- (E) Dream Machines - This is direct entry to national 30th June
- Rally Day - display only but not included as a rally competition in terms of marks.
- Judge: Wyn Davies, Penralltddu
- Reserve: Stephen Davie
- 2018 County Pantomime Competition:
- Judges confirmed as Jayne Brace, Glamorgan for the English & Geraint Lloyd, Wales President and his wife Anna Ap Robert for the Welsh.
- Chief Steward for prelims and final and chairmen for each evening were discussed.
- DVD - Corryn Du to be asked
- Rehearsals
- It has been previously agreed that there will be no rehearsals prior to the finals performances

- 2018 County Field Day - Judges & Stewards - Competitions as per packs circulated to clubs at beginning of the year
- STOCKMAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION & YOUNG STOCKJUDGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION
- Dairy
- Judge senior: Meurig James Pencawse (EDNA)
- Judge Junior: Jane Elliot Junior (Emily)
- Reserves: Iwan Mount (Alun)
- Butchers Beef
- Judge senior: Nicky Williams
- Judge Junior: Andrew Phillips, Windsor
- Reserves: Matthew Van Dyke
- Butchers Lamb
- Judge senior: Gwenda Lewis (Edna)
- Judge Junior: Arwel Evans
- Reserves: Paul Monahan
- FENCE ERECTING COMPETITION & JUNIOR FENCE ERECTING COMPETITION
- Judge senior: Richard Stevens
- Judge Junior: David Howells (Emily)
- Reserves: Andrew Parry (Non)
- WORKSHOP SKILLS:
- TASK 1: Manual Metal Arc (MMA) Welding
- Judge: Russel Reynolds/ Graham Reynolds (Edna)
- Reserves: John Allison Sychpant
- TASK 2: ANGLE GINDER
- Judge: Kevin George Coleg sir Gar
- Reserves:
- TASK 3: ATV
- Judge: Morley Jones
- Reserves: Richard James
- TASK 4: FIRST AID
- Judge: St Johns
- Reserves
- TRACTOR HANDLING COMPETITION
- Judge: Will Lawrence
- Reserves: Nev
- YFC LIVE
- Judge: Stephen James NFU
- Reserves: Laura Elliot/ Nicky Williams
- SHEEPDOG TRAILS
- Judge: Will be direct entry as only one club has entered.
- Reserves:
- JUNIOR FFERM FFACTOR
- Judge: Aled Davies (EX Junior Member)
- Reserves: Aled Rees
- County YFC Queen and Ambassador Selection:
- Names were selected at the last meeting and the officials have discussed and agreed to ask them to adjudicate the following sections. Letters will be sent to them this week. County officials to suggest replacements if anyone cannot judge.
- Male Ambassador - Ros Bushel, Meurig Raymond, Nick Williams
- Queen - Mererid Jones Ceredigion, Aled Jones RWAS, Janet Morgan
- A) Interview Steward

- County Queen & Male Ambassador - Jill and Iwan.
- Field Day Dance
- Venue - Clarbeston Road
- Music for County Field Day Dance - Rob Thomas Disco
- It was agreed that Events Chairman Tom Bevan would be ask to take over arrangements for this event.

- 2018 County Rally on 26th May
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- The dates in the calendar with regards to rally fall outside of the new committee meeting setup. Pre rally entry forms are currently due by the 12th March. However to have an order of appearance draw we'll need to change it to the 7th March -the date of the next Competitions Committee meeting.
- We also need to pass a Rally timetable at the Meeting in March and therefore ask that each club submit an Expression of interest of entry form for all rally competitions by Friday March 1st to allow the Rally Chief Stewards time to meet and discuss the Rally timetable based on how many clubs will be competing in each competition.
- The final rally entry form will still be due in by 27th April.
- Rally day catering, ice-cream, confectionery, fast food tenders.
- Rally Day Catering
- Ice Cream
- Confectionary
- Fast Food Tender
- Tug of War food - Cegin Cawl Potch
- To elect Rally Chief Stewards.
- CHIEF RALLY STEWARD: Dylan Williams
- RALLY ASSISTANT CHIEF RALLY STEWARD: Delme Harries
- COMPETITIONS CHIEF STEWARD: Edna Davies
- FIELD STEWARD: Peter Morgan
- CHIEF RECORDERS: Rebecca Voyle and Stephen
- RECORDERS: Jane Richards, Jan Mathias, Dill Williams
- (c) Pre-Rally competitions: Dates, Venues, Rules, Judges, Stewards.
- SCRAPBOOK Corresponding Closing date 11th May
- JUDGE: Dill Williams
- RESERVE: Mared Williams
- RALLY PROMOTIONAL SIGN All signs in place 12th May
- JUDGE: Sign Speed
- RESERVE: Carwyn Rees Boomerang
- NFYFC COOKERY COMPETITION - "Magic And Mystery" - Corresponding date: Wednesday 2th April
- JUDGE: Duncan/Matt Salt Cellar in Tenby - Clarbeston Road Hall
- RESERVE: Tydfil Morgan
- PROMOTE YOUR CLUB - Corresponding date - 18th May Llawhaden Hall
- JUDGE: Eirios Thomas
- RESERVE: Nia Lloyd
- ON THE NEWS - Corresponding date 18th May
- JUDGE : Jamie Owen
- RESERVE: Will Pritchard
- HOLSTEIN CATTLE STOCK JUDGING - 9th /16th /23rd Corresponding Wednesdays
- JUDGE:

- RESERVE:
- BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN SHEEP JUDGING - 9th /16th /23rd Corresponding Wednesdays
- JUDGE:
- RESERVE:
- WELSH PIG STOCK JUDGING 9th /16th /23rd Corresponding Wednesdays
- JUDGE:
- RESERVE:
- MALE AND FEMALE TUG-OF-WAR Corresponding date :21st May
- JUDGE: Dai Evans
- RESERVE:
- JUNIOR TUG-OF-WAR Corresponding date : 21st May
- JUDGE: Dai Evans
- RESERVE:
- (d) Rally day competitions: Rules, Judges, Stewards, general arrangements
- NFYFC FLORAL ART
- From List
- CLUB EXHIBIT
- JUDGE: Brian and Margaret Harries
- RESERVE:
- RWS FLORAL COMPETITION -
- JUDGE: List
- RESERVE:
- COOKERY COMPETITION -
- JUDGE: Gareth Morgan
- RESERVE: Ludo (Jo)
- CRAFT COMPETITION -
- JUDGE: Sian Doherty and Naomi Dyer (Owain)
- RESERVE: Ruth Humphries
- SHEEP SHEARING COMPETITION
- WOOL HANDLING
- SINGING
- JUDGE: Delyth Hopkin Evans
- RESERVEVE: Rhiannon Jones, Sarah Benbow, Sarah Sharp
- DANCING
- JUDGE: Caryl Howells / Zoe/Sarah Hughes (Joanne)
- RESERVE: List
- DESIGN AND CREATE A KITE
- JUDGE: Diane Brooke Peters
- RESERVE: Graham Evans
- RAF WHEELBARROW RELAY
- JUDGE: National Team/ Wales Rep
- RESERVE
- DRESSING UP COMPETITION
- JUDGE: Polly George (Aled)
- RESERVE:
- WOODWORK
- JUDGE: Dylan John Eglwysrwr
- RESERVE: Nigel Taylor (Owain)
- GENERATION GAME
- JUDGE: Aled Johnson
- RESERVE:
- RECYCLED BAND

- JUDGE: John Humphries (Alwyn)
- RESERVE: Jason Phillips (Eirlys) John Roach (Owain)
- PALLET RECYCLING
- JUDGE: Nigel Taylor
- RESERVE:
- DREAM MACHINES
- JUDGE: Wyn Davies Penralltddu
- RESERVE: Steven Davies Steynton
- (e) Rally Dance. - It was unanimously agreed to have a rally dance and invite the events committee under Tom Bevan's leadership to make the appropriate arrangements.

- Draw for Indoor Sports
- HOST
- Llysyfran V Hermon
- Martletwy V Eglwysrwr
- Templeton V Keyston
- Tiers Cross V Fishguard
- To be played by March 7th
- Sports Competitions.
- Wales on June 24th. Is everyone happy to continue with a 1 day sports day for these competitions with a separate evening for the Rugby competition?
- County teams for each sport as in previous years - all agreed
- Alice and Alun to co-ordinate
- Contributions to teams representing the county in the Wales Panto final

- Normally a donation of £150 each is made to the clubs representing Pembrokeshire at the Final. Agreed.
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- Any Other Business
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- Training rep. - We currently have no representative on the training committee at Wales Meetings. Can we nominate a person to attend Wales meetings to sit on this committee? Martha Perkins nominated.
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- Katie reminded members who sit on committees regarding attendance at meetings and noted that attendance can make the difference in competing for the overall trophy.
- Quiz - The setup of the Quiz was mentioned with clubs finding it difficult to fit in the draws by the time they needed to be played. It was noted that this had been discussed prior to this year's competitions and it was asked that clubs think of this in June when the calendar is being put together for the 2018/19 year. Clubs were asked to discuss by June Meeting.
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- Workshop skills Courses - PMR Training have training available and would be prepared to offer members a deal. It was asked if information could be sent to county office in preparation for the Board of management meeting to be held on the 17th January as training is on their agenda.
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The report was adopted and Non thanked Katie

c) **County Board of Management 17/01/18** -

In moving for the adoption of a printed report Karen gave the following details:

A discussion followed a letter from LHP and delegates felt that this clarified LHP's position and all agreed to continue with LHP as accountants.

Email received from Michael Harries - it was agreed to thank Mikey for his valuable contribution to the management team. Karen asked members of the Board of Management for possible co-options for future meetings.

Correspondence.

Quote from Signspeed and designs for Sponsors folder/booklet/presentation. Folders - Yellow in colour. A discussion followed regarding the numbers to be supplied. It was suggested that a meeting be put together to discuss the content of these folders.

Review of Queens Ball - Tom provided a report of Queen's Ball. Currently waiting to hear feedback from the Brithdir Hall. The issue surrounding staffing of the Queen's Ball was raised. This is an ongoing issue that needs further discussion. Clubs have been pushed to provide stewards for the event and it was suggested that clubs be rewarded for supplying a stewards and clubs to be fined for not sending stewards - £100. Appeal from Tom for stewards and the importance of re-iterating what is expected of stewards. Tom and team are regarded as an incredible team and the envy of other counties.

Pro-active - The committee agreed to recommend that for all dances excluding Field Day that each club would be asked to provide a steward. Any club failing to fulfil this would be billed for £100. It was noted that it is important to ask for help appropriate to needs and that people realise the work involved in setting up prior to the event as well as on the night and after.

Non thanked Tom once again and has already asked to book the band for next year.

Cara gave details of the Current Finances

The Eisteddfod was a success once again with an income of £1748.42. We have received the costs for the day also shown on your printout which totals £1034.46. So a total profit of £713.96.

The English Public Speaking day with the Tuck Shop brought in £226.86 but the hire of the college will need to come out of this once we receive their bill but it should more than cover it. Also I understand that it has been proposed to tender for a food van outside which will potentially bring in more income.

We've received our first payment of the year for the Wales YFC Lamb Scheme which has generated an income of £306.60 so far so thank you to the members who are selling their lambs via Dunbia and the Lamb scheme and if anyone else can or wants to support I'm sure Nia can provide details.

Also in November the NFU county dinner was held which was a celebration of their hundredth year. A collection was held with a donation to be made to Pembrokeshire YFC. We haven't yet heard how much but I'm sure once again that the donation will be welcomed.

The county Pantomime was once again a storming success not only in promoting what you can do within YFC but also in generating extra income for the county. So far we have raised £2477.30 but are awaiting costs of venues

and money raised from the DVD of the panto to be added in the future so the final total we hope will be more.

The Patron's scheme is now up to 34 members and as was said earlier the leaders are to be invited to join also which could boost the group even further.

Cara also expressed her intention to give up the role and nominated Neil Davies her business partner as her replacement. Karen thanked Cara for all that she's done. Question as to whether everyone is happy with the suggestion for Neil and to appoint him officially at AGM in September. Cara will oversee the handover until then.

Dates, Venues & Admission prices for future events.

Pantomime Competition - Normally £5 Programme FOC

Raffle: Competing Clubs to provide a raffle prize. Pantomime top 3 performances £6.

Membership - Currently 442 in comparison to 404 last year.

2018 County Annual General Meeting:

(a) Venue. Council Chambers

(b) Date. Corresponding date would be the 19th September.

2018 County Training Programme.

County Officials Training had been discussed

Chairman - Previously Immediate Past and County Chairman.

Secretaries - Nia and new Vice Chair

Minute Secretaries - Alwyn Evans and Gaynor Hancock

Treasurers - Helen Hodges

Other Training?

PMR Training courses to organise to give members the opportunity of first aid training and ATV training have been circulated to clubs to give them the opportunity.

Karen moved for the adoption of the report and was thanked by Non.

d) Rural Affairs Sub Committee 24/01/18

In moving for the adoption of a verbal report Georgie gave the following details:

Alison George had addressed the group regarding ploughing and how to get more young people interested in the competitions.

The group visited Gelli Farm Raw Milk in Bridgend. The first farm in Wales to install a milk vending machine on the farm. An inspirational story of how this family farm chose to diversify when milk price hit its lowest.

The rural affairs committee had discussed possible fundraisers for future trips and activities.

The group were thinking of producing a video for a competition regarding BVD awareness being run by Wales YFC.

Georgie moved for the adoption of the report. Non thanked Georgie for her report.

e) Wales Council to include sub-committees 20/01/18

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

Competitions Sub Committee

- There will be an additional open Eisteddfod meeting for the 2018 Eisteddfod held before June, but the committee were happy with the competitions proposed.
- Poultry Trussing/ Dressing will be a county eliminator to make it more competitive/relevant.
- Cash sponsorship will be sought for the prime lamb and prime calf competitions to be put toward prize Monday. There will also be a class for continentals in the lambs.
- The draw was made for the 2018 Entertainment Feast - Dafydd Jones and Carys Thomas was nominated as comperes.
- NFYFC have changed the workshop skills rules at the Field Day for insurance reasons. Wales will adopt these and ensure that the new rules fit in with the Wales YFC Field Day.
- The Eisteddfod in 2019 will be in Clwyd and 2020 will be in Brecknock. The 2019 Field Day will be Pembrokeshire and in Clwyd in 2020.
- The theme for 2019 Royal Welsh will be Nursey Rhymes and the competitions had been scrutinised in great detail.

It was agreed that through liaison with Events and Marketing the competitions committee would publicise upcoming competitions more than in the past, as part of the Federation's new Communications strategy.

Finance and Management Sub Committee

- Wales YFC has received a donation of £1000 from the Principality following on from a public ballot at the National Eisteddfod in Anglesey.
- A grant totalling £60,000 has been received from the Welsh Government's Major Events Unit to support the sustainable development of the Young People's Village, payable over the next three years.
- A review took place of current and potential sponsors of the Federation.
- A working group is considering the Federation's risk register to ensure that the organisation is fit for purpose.
- The committee have been made aware of a generous legacy made to the Federation for the purchase of the YFC Centre. It was noted that Dwr Cymru are still on board.
- Vice Chairmen of Sub-Committees, who currently attend meetings of Finance and Management but have no voting powers, are provided with the opportunity to vote at future meetings.
- The committee wish to conduct an expenses review and in the meantime a cap of £80 is implemented for all judges supporting the Federation.
- The committee wish to elect the following experts to support their work: Steve Hughson (RWAS), Howard Nixon, Emily Davies and Malcolm Thomas.
- The Committee following discussions with representatives of the Integrated Beef Scheme Project Steering Group propose that the Federation does not take part in any extension bid made to the Welsh Government.

Training Sub Committee

- An information gathering exercise will be conducted to find out what provision is in place throughout all counties in regards to safeguarding training.
- Public Speaking Training - The committee will target Junior Reading and Junior Public Speaking in order to ensure that the younger members have the opportunity to develop their skills that will benefit them through their time in YFC.
- A Database of "experts" who would be willing to train outside their counties will be compiled, in order to share expertise.

- Research is to be undertaken on the opportunities available in regards to the Duke of Edinburgh award, in order to target areas where opportunities lack.
- The Committee wish to develop E-safety training modules. Nia Wilson will work with the committee and begin with the Youth Forum.
- “How to...” workshops to be developed in order to communicate the benefits and skills developed within YFC when applying for jobs and/or university.

Rural Affairs Sub Committee

- The Federation’s Lamb scheme is going from strength to strength. Next farm trips were confirmed as Dylasau Uchaf - Beca Glyn - 5th Sept, Rhiwgriafol - Rhydian Glyn - 11th Sept, Brecknock and Radnor to be asked to find a suitable location.
- The Committee will input into the NFYFC’s Agri committee to feed the views of Wales YFC into the new Agricultural policy.
- A successful Rural Affairs Conference took place on the theme of marketing.
- The Committee would be represented at the Federation’s Field Day in Carmarthenshire, with a Rural Affairs session to be held again prior to the results.
- A Skype update from Llyndy Isaf Scholar, Teleri Fielden took place. It is hoped to arrange open days for members to visit the farm in the near future.
- Beef Scheme - members were concerned that the current scheme hasn’t been that successful and that not enough members had been able to benefit. There had not been any clear benefits for the organisation either.
- A plan is in place for a seven day study tour in September to Brazil. More information is available from the YFC centre.
- NFU Charitable Trust’s £11,000 grant, the committee would like to buy resources to help promote the agricultural industry, targeting secondary education and the public that are not from an agricultural background.
- Ireland Trip - members of Committee would like to work together with the international committee to plan a trip to Ireland.
- Massey Ferguson - working with dealers to hold workshops involving machines and tractors, with the aim of improving on farm Health and Safety.
- Poultry Workshops - the committee aim to work with Mid Wales Egg Packers, a Federation corporate sponsor to hold poultry workshops.
- In conjunction with Dunbia and Wales YFC Lamb Scheme - a member’s trip to the Smithfield Market in London and Sainsbury’s distribution centre in Swansea would be arranged.

International Sub-Committee:

- Disappointing to see only 3 counties represented in the meeting.
- The Committee intend to continue with Skype interviews for the 2018 International Selection Day.
- Next Year emphasise will be placed upon the importance of time keeping; and ensuring there is a time in between judging the leaders and team members for European Rally Team interviews.
- Deadline for returning members biographies and to pay the admin fee of £40
- Encourage members to submit their reports from their trips last year, as many have still not done so.
- Colorado has informed Wales YFC that they only now expect one member to travel.

- The Committee will create a list of top tips of what to do when hosting members. Hopefully this will encourage counties to communicate with each other and to offer activities as a group rather than individuals.
- Gwyn Evans of Wales and the World wants to work with the Federation by submitting articles to the magazine “Yr Enfys” on the work of the YFC.
- An email from Challenge Wales has been received offering a fully funded sailing trip for young people. Along with Youth Forum it is hoped to create a trip for members between 14-20 years old during the summer holidays.
- The Committee approve the timetable for the agricultural trip to Brazil, and hope to work with the Rural Affairs Committee to advertise the trip as soon as possible, up to 50 members would be able to travel.
- Feedback from International Selection Day, the committee will aim to obtain a judge for each panel who can speak Welsh.
- Hosting International visitors - The committee intend to host the 2018 orientation event at the Black Mountains Activity Centre in Brecon, or Abernant Lake as a second choice.
- As is previous years, it is intended to host visitors during the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show.

Youth Forum Sub Committee:

- Only three counties were represented in the meeting.
- More activities happen within County Youth Forums and it would be helpful to be made aware of them.
- The Forum requires more guidance and support from officers at a Wales and County level.
- The Committee are very interested in attending the training by HCC with the hope of developing ambassadors for the agricultural industry, and to publicise rural issues to the public.
- The Youth Forum would like to use the “booths” during the Spring Festival and the Royal Welsh Show.
- All counties will be asked to submit information to the YFC Centre on good practice in relation to the work of Youth Forums. Counties would be requested to do this through the weekly information bulletin.

5. Any other meeting attended by a YFC representative:

Nia mentioned that she had attended the county staff association meeting where the CIO status had been discussed to ensure that liability would only be a maximum of £1 for Executive committee members. It was agreed to invite Nia Lloyd from Wales YFC to the next executive committee meeting to discuss this matter.

- 6. Year Book:** it was agreed that we are doing a Year Book this year. Rhiannon James was nominated for Editor and Advertising Co-ordinator was Katie Davies will now be Aled Thomas and Lucy Kiff.

7. County Youth Forum

Sioned the Youth Forum Chairman gave a report on behalf of the Youth Forum urging all senior members in the room to encourage their delegates to attend meetings. She noted that a discussion had been had regarding how to make the Youth Forum more attractive and ideas included having their meetings on a separate evening or an earlier time. The idea was put forward to meet at the Lost Coins for a meal prior to the next executive committee meeting at 6pm. Discussion were also had regarding holding a county Youth forum Ball
The report was adopted.

8. Any other business

Non reminded everyone of the upcoming Pantomime competition

Panto - Welsh Panto Friday 7:30pm Ysgol Y Preseli

Panto - English Wednesday 7th, 8th and 9th at Ysgol Bro Gwaun.

9. To confirm date of next meeting. - Wednesday March 28th 2018