

PEMBROKESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Agriculture House, Winch lane
27th June 2018 at 8pm

Chairman's remarks.

Non Thorne, County Chairman declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone along. Since our last meeting Pembrokeshire Young farmers have as ever been extremely busy and we are tremendously proud of their success.

Congratulations to everyone who represented the county at the Wales Public speaking finals with every member doing their bit to ensure that Pembrokeshire YFC were rewarded with the overall English and Welsh trophies at the end of the day.

Despite the best from the east's best efforts Wales YFC managed to hold the entertainment competition in two parts with Llysyfran coming third in the English section and Hermon coming second in the Welsh Section.

We were also represented by Tyleri Warlow and Tania Hancock in the Junior and Senior member competition respectively with Tania securing a top three placing in the senior competition

Our county field day was a tremendous success with the Jenkins family Lower house providing a very warm welcome, many thanks to them once again. Once again members put their best foot forward and at the end of the day it was Llysyfran YFC who was the overall winners.

We also had the announcement that the 2018 Queen would be Tania Hancock of Keyston YFC with Charles George Fishguard as male ambassador. The attendants named were Martha Perkins, South Pembs, Ffion Edwards and Christina Morgan, Llysyfran and Georgie Radmore Clunderwen. Congratulations and good luck to you all for the year ahead. Looking forward to the year ahead.

A fortnight later and we popped next door for the Wales Field Day held in Carmarthenshire with some fantastic results once again for Pembrokeshire ensuring that our members brought home the trophy as overall winners in the field day for the second year running.

Once again we finished the year in style and the rally once again showcased the talents of our members in a range of competition. Tania, Charles and their team looked fantastic bringing a bit of glam to proceedings and the overall rally Shield went to Clunderwen YFC. Congratulations to you all.

We have once again finished the year with our sports competitions and thanks to our sports co-ordinators Mr Alun Griffiths and Miss Alice James who facilitated the competitions. Congratulations must also go to every member who played for the various county teams at the Wales Sports Day with some fantastic successes along the way.

As many of you will have seen we also did our big bike ride to Blackpool and as I said in rally it was such a fantastic occasion to be part of and we have definitely bonded as a team and crew. We were of course raising money for Prostate Cymru, Wales Air Ambulance and Pembrokeshire YFC and the support and generosity has been breath taking. We are currently sitting at a total of £23,000 with money still coming in.

Present

30 As per attendance book

Apologies for Absence

Lisa Davies, Eglwysrwr, Joanne Davies, Lucy Kiff Tiers Cross, Jill George Fishguard, Haydn Davies VP, Steffan Evans Betsan Williams Hermon. Simon Snape Llawhaden, Tania Hancock Gaynor Hancock, Keyston. Ros Bushell, Alice James.

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 28th March 2018

Minutes were read and signed as a true record.

2. Matters Arising.

No Matters arising

3. Correspondence.

(i) Carwyn Rees via email -

- (a) One of the events I propose to run next year as part of the central group for the feature county will be a clay shooting day, at present I am looking at holding the event at Rudbaxton Shooting grounds, I have organised a previous event there.

As part of the day's competition, I would like to arrange for YFC category, this can work in line with the NFYFC Shooting competition as the area 'shoot out'.

This would mean having a shooting competition for YFC members under the following categories:

26 & Under: Experienced shooters

17 & Under: Experienced shooters

26 & Under: Novice shooters

17 & Under: Novice shooters

Novice shooters will be aided by the instructors on how to shoot safely and under supervision. The cost of the competition (with or without their own guns) will be confirmed in due course.

There will be a cap on numbers participating on each category, (perhaps 2 per club) TBC.

I would propose to hold this event at the end of March (to avoid most YFC events).

Before I take the matter further in its organisation, I would be grateful for your thoughts and those of the members towards the event.

I look forward in hearing from you.

Nia to reply expressing our own experience of not having much interest however may be something members may enjoy having a go out in the future

(b) I would be grateful if you and the YFC members could consider the following proposal:

At the most recent Young Members meeting, we discussed a number of events in support of the Royal Welsh, I attach the minutes from the meeting for your review.

One of the items discussed was a feature county calendar, we heard from members of Tiers Cross and Ladies rugby over their experiences. What was discussed was the possibility of linking the calendar to the 12 clubs of the county, making the calendar a joint support towards the feature county and the YFC.

Below is a brief plan identifying clubs and possible topic for the photograph? It was also discussed whether the calendar should be a 'naked calendar' themed, therefore before we take this forward, I would be grateful for your thoughts and those of the movement.

Please do not hesitate in contacting me with any queries and I wait to hear from you,

Calendar Specifics -

	Cover	- Pembs Feature county and YFC Officials
Jan	- Brawdyhayscastle	- New Year's swim - Blue Lagoon
Feb	- Clunderwen	- Valentines and calving
March	- Eglwysrwr	- St David's' day and Pentre Ifan
April	- Fishguard	- spring - lambing
May	- Hermon	- Silage - Machinery & Grass
June	- Keyston	- summer - Pembrokeshire Beach
July	- Llawhaden	- RWAS 2019 and Pembs feature clothing
August	- Llysyfran	- Livestock showing
Sep	- Martletwy	- Harvest - Machinery and food
Oct	- South Pembs	- Halloween - Castle location
Nov	- Templeton	- Bonfire and fireworks
Dec	- Tiers cross	- Xmas

Yes happy to take part. It wouldn't be naked due to members under 18 being involved. Also ask for Clarification on the contribution to the county.

(ii) Elin Williams - Lamb Scheme Competition

Members are asked to design an added value product or new cut to promote Wales YFC lamb initiative and the general welsh lamb market in Wales. The top three ideas will be prepared, cooked and served at the Lamb Initiative reception (Monday of the Royal Welsh Show at 12pm). The winner will be invited to spend time at a food innovation centre to see how their product can be developed and the opportunity to pitch the winning idea to Sainsbury's team.

Closing date 2nd July -If you have any queries, contact Wales YFC.

(iii) Carys Ifan - Yr Egin

Mi fydd Yr Egin yn agor yn ystod yr Hydref ac rydym yn edrych ymlaen at groesawi pawb i'r Ganolfan i weld beth sydd yno, cael hwyl ac er mwyn iddynt fedru gwneud defnydd ohono. Gallwn drefnu gweithgaredd yn ôl diddordeb y clwb unigol - boed yn noson ffilm, cwis, cyfle i neud rhaglen radio, chwarae gêm VR - beth bynnag yw'r diddordeb gallwn eu drefnu! A bydd caffi yn y Ganolfan hefyd felly bydd modd trefnu swper, cinio Dolig neu diodydd i gydfynd gyda'r ymweliad.

(iv) Mynydd i'r MOR—Mountains to the Sea project.

I am really pleased to say that we have now got clearance from the angling associations and are free to get on with our Mynydd i'r Mor—Mountains to the Sea project.

We have already got over 40 groups and individuals involved, both on and off the water, and this is before we have really started promoting it.

We have booked a stand at the Cardigan Show and, now we have got the go ahead, we are putting up posters, developing the Social Media, talking to the press and spreading the word far and wide.

I attach a copy of our first flyer. We have nearly run out of these and are in the process of designing our next one.

We wondered whether the YFC would be interested in becoming a named partner on the project with your logo added on our literature and so on. It is a superb project, which will help a lot of people and your involvement would be good for all involved.

A response to be sent to the organisers saying that this would not be a project that we could commit to at the present time with the constraints of the YFC calendar but wish them all the luck.

4. To receive and adopt the following reports:

(A) Rural Affairs Meeting (11/04/18)

In moving for the adoption of a verbal report committee secretary outlined the most recent meeting of the rural affairs committee where Rhiannon James had been in attendance to talk to them about grants. They had also discussed a proposed rural affairs trip in the autumn with grant

funding hopefully to subsidise part of the costs. More details would follow as soon as venues etc. were confirmed.

Non thanked Georgie for the report and urged clubs to promote the rural affairs committee to their members.

(B) County Board of Management Meeting (13/06/18)

In moving for the adoption of a printed report Karen Jones the board of management Chairman highlighted the following points from the full report.

A proposition has been put forward to take part in the Shwmae awards once again.

Sponsors packs are ongoing and will be looked at in the hope of sending out in September.

The training programme for club officials and leaders is in hand.

A few recommendations were made in the county organiser's report which the board would like to put forward for exec approval.

These are:-

Recommend Club Officials - Efficiency

Recommend £5 fee

Recommend Award for secretary and chairman

Resolution for Extraordinary AGM

Karen moved for the adoption of the report.

Non thanked Karen for the report and asked the executive committee to agree to the recommendations put forward. It was agreed unanimously with the suggestions put forward.

(C) County Show Working Party (13/06/18)

In moving for the adoption of a verbal report, Non gave a comprehensive report.

Non reminded everyone of the change to the location this year.

Site Location

Was discussed but we were waiting on a plan of the actual location proposed. Essentially the YFC will have a designated area but will be slightly set back behind other trade stands. It was agreed to contact Jan Pearce for more detail on entry point size and suggested to have signage in the opening to show where the YFC area was. It was noted that the site that has been allocated will be a work in progress with the ability to move things around and change the location of the marquee in future years but for this year we would look at not having it set to far back so as not to have too much space before the actual marquee entrance.

It was decided to keep the internal layout of the Marquee quite similar to previous years with hanging displays of club shirts, kites and mood boards from the rally along with club scrapbooks, ER Phillips entries.

A discussion was had regarding having live demonstrations and it was felt that these only tended to generate support from specific clubs and didn't really attract people not associated into the tent.

It was agreed to invite top 3's in competition to display in the tent but not to hold demonstrations.

It is understood that Radio Pembrokeshire will have a performing stage nearby and that it would be difficult to compete with the noise they may generate. However it was suggested that we liaise with Pembs Radio and with Show President Brian Harries to see if any YFC acts might be able to perform on the stage during the show week.

Table, chairs and staging -Dingle Hire

Consider reserving flooring from Dingle.

It was agreed to make the tables and chairs attractive with oil cloths / table cloths and some flowers or jars to make the area more attractive inside and entice people to come along and have a sit down or cup of tea. A long discussion was had as to whether or not to have the milkshakes but it was decided to continue with them. Left over water from Non's ride to be sold at 50p a bottle.

Displays

Trophies to be displayed also club shirts, Kites, Balloons & Scrapbooks as well as using the gallery as per last year.

The display used for cups were discussed and an idea was put forward to have some sort of stand / framework to elevate the cups and trophies in a rustic style like the photo gallery. A suggestion was made to ask Arwel Evans regarding a piece he'd recently constructed for his wedding.

ER Phillips Award entries to be submitted to County Office on the Monday one week prior to show week and be adjudicated by Ann Phillips Davies and County President Alwyn Evans.

2. FORMAT, PROGRAMME & TIMETABLE

To invite winners from rally to prepare and display items to showcase their learning and achievements in cookery, floral art, craft with winners from rally asking to fill slots

It was also suggested to invite woodwork entries from the rally along to make a small play area outside.

Generation Game competition showcasing members' skills:

Katie Davies has agreed to liaise with Abbie Reader to borrow the milking cow and other items

Nia will liaise with Wales YFC to borrow a number of items they have promoting gate to plate.

These will be set up in an outside area

Club reps - to sell year books and man the various activities. A tally to be kept of which club sells the most year books

Promotional Material - Ideas were discussed on how to promote the tent further:-

Leaflets and club promotion. -

TUESDAY AM

Reception for invited guests.

Time - 11am.

Board of Management to decide on guest list.

Presentation of ER Phillips award during the Reception

THURSDAY AM

FUW, NFU, PAS, YFC - Challenge to take part in.

The report was adopted.

(D) County Competitions Sub-Committee Meeting (20/05/18)

In moving for the adoption of the printed report Katie Davies outlined the following points for the executive's approval.

(a) Entertainment

At the last meeting clubs were asked to go back and discuss the Entertainment competitions with their members and decide which of the following options they would prefer in terms of the running of the entertainment competitions.

Option 1 - Traditional Prelim and Top Three with re-judging.

Option 2 - Prelims with a final evening but without a week's gap in between

Option 3 - Prelims and Results following the last club's performance - No Final.

VOTE: Decision is: - Option 1

(b).Eisteddfod:

It was proposed that the County Eisteddfod will be on the corresponding date of 20th October.

Just to confirm as the dates from the Wales Eisteddfod are now confirmed and The Wales Eisteddfod is 17th November and half term falls later on the 26th October. A discussion followed and it was proposed to amend the Eisteddfod Date to the 27th October.

3. Correspondence.

(i) Babs Johnson from Letterston has been in touch to make clubs and members aware that there is a new Skittle alley available for hire at Letterston Hall. If anyone is interested in hiring the venue or if the county would like to hold some sort of county competition.

(ii) Mrs Dill Williams - letter - Re scrapbooks -

Mrs Dill Williams was the adjudicator of the scrapbook this year and has kindly written asking us to take her points on board regarding the scrapbook competition. Katie read the letter and a discussion followed notably about the size restrictions on scrapbooks.

It was suggested to get rid of size limit especially considering that the competition at wales level will not specify a size limit.

(iii) Pembrokeshire YFC will be stewarding the Singing competition at the Royal Welsh Show and were required to provide 4 stewards plus the County Organiser.

Volunteers please: Daisy Lewis, Delun Evans, Eirlys Davies, Katie Davies and Owain Lewis

We have also been asked to provide three stewards at the YPV on the Wednesday evening.

Along with Nia, County Chairman Non Thorne has already agreed and Helen Hodges has volunteered.

4. To receive the following reports of the 2018 County Rally:

(a)Chief Rally Steward

We have received a combined report from Dylan Williams, Delme Harries and Edna Davies and I would like to invite Edna to give the report on behalf of the three.

A report was also given by Nia George County Organiser and the following points were put forward for consideration.

Points to consider:

- Tug of War prelims on the Monday - an improvement this year with clubs taking responsibility of their rubbish and also ensuring only competitors were inside the fence. The presence of the catering van that evening was a big success - diolch yn fawr.
- Tug of War -Rally Day - this year we tried having all Junior teams on Rally Day - do we need to reconsider this as this competition pushed the finishing time on quite a bit? - need discussion about it.
- Stage competitions - Having all singing and dancing competitions on rally day worked out well with opportunities for so many members to perform in front of a good audience which was very popular with supporters and visitors. It also meant we only had one evening of pre-rally competitions.
- Return of cups by the first week of May was a good idea - it would be nice if they were all engraved by this date - a number of clubs returned them but then had to take them away again to have them engraved -

should we insist that they all come back engraved by the set date - first week of May. Some continue to come back in an unacceptable state!!!!

- Floral competitions - a comment was made that in some of the floral art competitions, parents / trainers were passing comments to competitors during the competition.
- Suggestion to put the cookery displays on the opposite side of the building (behind the stage) so that the generation game competition was nearer to where the general public could see what was happening.
- One comment was made regarding the availability for disabled drivers in the afternoon.
- Consideration on having one or two competitions which are agricultural related?
- Can we disguise clubs whilst some competitions are being judged?
- A suggestion was made to open the bar at the latter end of the day - would this solve the clearing up issue as people may come to the rally and stay through to the dance - clubs are getting difficulty in getting buses to the dance.

A discussion followed and members raised the following points.

- Move the Junior Tug of War back to being a pre rally - many clubs felt they lost key people with them being tied up with tug of war.
- Tug of war weigh in at 9.30am
- Craft area to be closed off from the food area to give members competing fair play
- Room - Judges to speak to the competing members as comments are made that things were not made by members when they had been
- Clarification on how much preparation can be done the night before.
- Sign mark scheme needs clarification
- Costings limit on NFYFC Floral art section
- Pre rally night was better just one night but a more appropriate hall with more rooms would be more effective.
- Head mics for singing performances - should have stopped and restarted. Also suggested that everyone use hand held to avoid problems.

Katie thanked everyone for their contributions and thanked the team for all their hard work putting the rally day and dance together.

2019 County Rally:

- (a) Date - Corresponding date 25th May 2019
- (b) Venue - PAS Showground
- (c) Disco & Band Same as 2018 - Rob Thomas Disco and Lateral

5. 2018 Royal Welsh Show.

- (a) Draw was made and Elin Gwynne Davies from Hermon was selected

6. 2018/2019 County Competitions Programme including Dates, Rules and Judges

Closing Date for Accounts and minute Books: 5th September

Judges and venues put forward for a number of competitions

WALES FIELD DAY - Proposed to have a SUB COMMITTEE???? To arrange Wales Field Day. Proposals to have a working party to report back to competitions and exec to include:-

County Chair, Rural Affairs chairman, Vice Chairman, Stock co-coordinators and Andrew Davies our machinery co-ordinator.

It was agreed that this would be a good way to move things forward.

Knockout Quiz

Pool of names from each area as potential quiz masters.

A point was raised that the rules were a little sexist and outdated. It was agreed that the rules be changed and that the team was to be made up of 6 members within the relevant age groups.

8. E. R. Phillips Award.

Display Board - maximum size A1 to be produced for the County Show, showing the club's charity and community work over the previous 12 months.

Any medium. Photographs may be used.

Alwyn asked that all clubs include a figure for the amount they have raised over the year.

Nia suggested a county totaliser to be announced at the show.

Judges: Ms Ann Phillips-Davies and County President Mr Alwyn Evans

Recorder or Championship Trophy - Mrs Mair Evans

Indoor Sports Final

Eglwysrwrw / Keyston vs Llysyfran

To be held at Agriculture House.

Clubs to inform county Chairman and County Vice Chairman of Proposed date.

Pub of the Month Friday 13th July at The Cross Inn, Clarbeston Road

RABI Afternoon Tea

Rugby 7s Lawrence - proposal to play touch as a social night and hold trials for an actual county team.

First Aider to be present at county sports

Queen and Attendants questions - suggestion was made to standardise questions for all competitors.

Retiring Queen - to present the sash and not invite adjudicators along.

Refund received from Rock Security following rally dance

Non thanked Katie for a detailed report .A question was raised with regards to the Eisteddfod and the decision to change the date. It was requested that the date be changed back to the 20th as the 27th was not convenient. It was agreed that the Eisteddfod be held on the 20th October. The report was adopted.

(E) Wales Council & Sub -Committee Meetings

Non Thorne in moving for the adoption of a verbal report gave a detailed report from Wales YFC council and sub committees. She highlighted the following points in her report.

Wales YFC are currently Looking for sponsors.

Purchase of lease still not sorted, hoping to be sorted however a donation from the estate of Terrance Meredith Dec believed to be £80,000 - has been bequeathed to the Wales YFC in order to purchase the lease.

Dŵr Cymru are keen to support Wales YFC in the interim time to the centre being revamped and have offered help with renovating it in the interim period.

There will be no Grandstand and No official Photographer at this year's RWAS in an attempt to save money.

No food at meetings for delegates however counties can request packed lunches for their delegates if they wish.

Wales YFC are hoping to get a recognised standard mark through this scheme -Picasso

Competitions feedback -

Members gave feedback on various competitions

Correspondence received following Wales Field Day from Carmarthenshire YFC

A Vote of no confidence was given in the Competitions sub committee

Eisteddfod rules by 1st August. - Promised to be with Counties by 1st August

Rural affairs - Llyndy Isaf scholarship has changed to 3 years.

Events and Marketing

Respect the competing.

International - reserve list.

Deadlines of 1st Dec

11th November

Youth Forum

Wales Parliament

Training committee has been disbanded.

Non opened the floor for any comments or additional information from any of the other Wales Delegate.

There were none and she moved for the adoption of the report. The report was adopted.

(F) NFYFC Council & Sub Committee Meeting (22/06/2018)

No report.

(G) Any other meeting attended by YFC representative.

No other Reports

5. CIO

Non gave an introduction to the CIO and what it means for the clubs and county and the reasons why it is being suggested as a good option for us to adopt. Members agreed to the proposal for a small subcommittee to go ahead and discuss proposals to be actioned and adopted at the AGM.

6. County Youth Forum

No report.

7. County Calendar

A copy of the proposed dates etc. has been printed out for you in draft format. These include the dates we've received from NFYFC and Wales. Is everyone happy with these dates?

In addition we hope to hold an International evening on the 5th October.

8. Any other business.

Llawhaden YFC will be hosting an Exchange visitor from Colorado with NFYFC between the 6th and 13th August. If any clubs have anything special happening over that period or any members are doing anything that may be of interest please let the Llawhaden members know so we give her the best Pembrokeshire Welcome.

Good luck to the Junior Public Speaking Team, The Just a Minute Team, The Senior Mace debating team, the Frisbee team, the Workshop skills team, Dream Machine and Mood Board and the fencing team who will be heading to Stafford on the weekend.

- Hermon YFC - Car treasure hunt will be held at Hermon Centre on 2nd July
- Fishguard YFC - Chippy night Letterston and Treasure Hunt.
- Parti In The Parc - Curry Quiz And Pint - Parc y Marl Friday 6th July
- Parti in The Parc - Family Farm and Fun Day - Parc y Marl Farm 7th July
- Parti in the Parc = 7th July
- 12/13th July Cardigan Show Sheep, Pigs and dairy stock-judging - Financial rewards!!
- Pub of the Month -Llawhaden and Llysyfran have joined forces to hold their Pub of a month on the 13th July.
- St David's Ploughing are holding a Tractor Run and Dance on the 14th July.
- RABI Afternoon Tea – 15th July 3pm – Headlands Farm, Ambleston.
- Clunderwen YFC is holding their Car treasure Hunt on the 17th July.
- Llawhaden YFC Treasure Hunt 7th August.
- 10th August Tiers Cross Pub and Quiz Night
- 19th August Frisbee Golf
- 25th August Keyston YFC are holding a dance after vintage working day.
- Trading Standards - Scan Awareness Talk - Georgie
- 15th Sept - Wales Chairman's Ball
- Nia has been approached to ask if Pembrokeshire have a nominee for Wales's vice chairman and if we do not then they would like to propose Katie Davies, Llysyfran for the role of Wales Vice Chairman. It was unanimously agreed that Pembrokeshire YFC will propose Katie Davies for the role of Wales Vice Chairman. Non noted that Katie would be a good candidate and that Pembrokeshire would be happy to support her.

9. To confirm date of next meeting Wednesday, 19th September AGM at 7.30.m. at Council Chambers, Haverfordwest