

PEMBROKESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Agriculture House,
Haverfordwest. 8pm 24th October 2018

Present: As per attendance book

Chairman's remarks

Chairman Katie Davies opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Katie explained that before the meeting starts there will be a presentation from Sandra Dade from the Paul Satori charity. As many of you will be aware Paul Satori provides a Hospice at Home and range of services to people living in the final stages of any life limiting illness. They offer nursing care, equipment loan, complementary therapy, bereavement and counselling support, clinical nurse specialist in palliative care, physiotherapy, advance care planning and training and have been supported by clubs and county over the years. Please give a warm welcome to Sandra Dade, Manager who will be giving a presentation. Sandra Dade gave a presentation about Paul Satori and the work that they do. The charity supported 1359 patients during this last year, giving 20,000 hours of hands on care, with 1,000 items of equipment. It was noted that 36% of patients had non-cancer diagnosis and it costs £2800 per day to run the service. Sandra Dade also noted the opportunities to be involved with the charity as a representative.

The Chairman thanked Ms Dade for giving us the talk which has given members plenty to consider and said that we will be in touch following our discussions this evening. Representatives agreed to take the opportunities back to clubs to be discussed and if anyone was interested they are to get in touch with the office.

Since our last meeting and AGM the Chair extended congratulations to members of Keyston YFC who travelled to Malvern for the NFYFC Cookery and Floral art competitions. A special mention to the cookery team who came third in the cookery with 'dish of the day' awarded to Eleri George.

Saturday saw our Eisteddfod and despite our best attempt the volume of entries meant the Eisteddfod ran into Sunday morning. However it was a fantastic day and the feedback from all of the judges was very positive. It was a clean sweep for Fishguard winning overall as well as the homework, stage and light sections. Congratulations also to Charles George who won the cup for the most individual points in the stage section. The Chair was awarded for the winning Poem to Ffion Williams from Fishguard and the Crown winner this year was Jonothan Morgan from Llysyfran. A big thank you to our judges Delyth Morgans Phillips, Lowri Fron Jones, Carys Mai Lloyd, Ceri Wyn Jones and Llinos Dafydd. A massive thank you must go to Owain Lewis and Angharad James our accompanists for taking on a mammoth job and making it look easy. A big thank you to the officials for all of their hard work and to the stewards for their support throughout the day.

Thanks also to Shan Griffiths who selected the recitation under 26 by Angharad Edwards, Llysyfran, The Alaw Werin, Solo 26 and Under and Song from a musical by Catrin Raymond, Fishguard, Catrin and Nia Fishguard's Duet, Tiers Cross' dancing, Fishguard One voice Party Recitation Party, Eglwysrwrw's Cerdd Dant Party, The Vocal Ensemble from Llysyfran, Hermon's sketch, humorous trio and Story and Sound, Iago Evans and his Stand up and on the understanding that the three choirs merge we will have a county choir this year under the leadership of Catrin Raymond Fishguard YFC. All 15 items have confirmed that they will be going on to represent Pembrokeshire at the Wales YFC Eisteddfod at Barry.

Apologies for absence

As noted in the book:

Mair Evans, Delme Harries, Steve Griffiths, Christina Morgan, Rhydian Bevan, Betsan Williams, Amy Thomas, Richard Summons, Mostyn & Dill Williams, Matthew Davies.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

There are no minutes as the last minutes were signed during the AGM.

2. Matters arising

It was noted that the CIO constitution is now ready for submission to the Charities commission. Each club will be given a copy of the trustees form tonight and are asked for all four representatives on the Executive committee (2 members 2 Reserves) to sign the form and return it to the office as soon as possible. Clubs were asked to see Nia at the end of the meeting to collect a form.

3. Correspondence

A letter from Portfield School was read out which requested help and support. Keyston YFC also mentioned that a previous letter had been sent to them, members decided to take back to clubs and if they wanted to get involve they could have the contact details. Letters to be circulated to clubs.

4. To receive and adopt the following reports:

A. County Competitions Sub Committee

Iwan moved for the adoption of a printed report.

B. County Rural Affairs Committee

Georgie Radmore gave a verbal report. She announced the new Rural Affairs officials as follows: Matthew Davies (Cheddars) is Chairman, Simon Snape is Vice-Chairman, and Secretary is Georgie Radmore.

Georgie also said that the rural affairs trip is coming up, one space to go has become available and if anyone is interested in going on the trip then please contact the office or Georgie ASAP.

C. County Board of Management

Karen moved for the adoption of a printed report.

D. County Harvest Festival

Vicky gave a report on behalf of South Pembs and confirmed that PATCH has received the items donated and was very grateful. She explained that the collection money will go towards the Church Hall funds, which is the building that the club uses. Vicky thanked everyone for attending and their support.

The Chairman said thank you to South Pembs for hosting the Harvest Festival this year.

5. NFYFC Council Meeting 20/10/18

The following letter from Lynsey Martin, Chair of NFYFC Council was read out.

'Hello everyone,

After a weekend of important discussions, I really wanted to take a moment to share some thoughts with you from the Council meeting.

Yesterday your democratically elected Council debated all the reasons why the Convention was cancelled and decided to support the Board in its decision.

A motion for a vote of no confidence was not passed with a clear majority supporting the Board. Two amendments made to this motion were also debated and defeated.

Your concerns were raised and discussed by your elected Council members during the meeting. At your next County Exec you should expect to hear more details about the Council's discussions.

The Council is currently putting in place a group of YFC members to lead on the membership's input into the strategic plan. Watch out for future opportunities to have your say.

As I saw throughout National Young Farmers' Week, we all love this organisation and are proud of what it achieves. That was evident this weekend when YFC members represented your Counties and are helping to shape future plans.

Finally, I am going to steal some words from a Life Vice President and former President of this organisation that were made at the AGM earlier this year. I think Poul Christensen's following message about YFC is so appropriate for us all.

You have something really precious Young Farmers - nurture it, treasure it, and grow it. You're holding it in your hands. Don't drop it because it is immensely important, not only to you, but to future generations.

Best wishes,

Lynsey Martin

Chair of NFYFC Council (National Chairman)'

Following this, a discussion was had explaining that the vote of no confidence was overturned and the various Amendments were not carried. Katie explained that the Council booklet with the minutes was not out until tomorrow but that his would be circulated to members.

Members suggested whether county would want to do a survey following Convention being cancelled as there was a fear that members feelings is not being considered. However after a discussion it was queried what a survey would achieve and decided that it was more important to be pro-active and use the time and energy more effectively.

Sam Kurtz suggested that if we are not going to hold a survey perhaps we should write a letter to National.

Action: Circulate the Booklet and Letter

6. Draw for 2nd round county quiz

Katie invited the President Richard 'H' Lewis to make the draw for second round of the Quiz as noted below.

Llawhaden V Keyston
Llysyfran V Fishguard
Eglwysrwrw V Hermon
Martletwy V Tiers Cross

7. Any other business

Llysyfran YFC informed the committee that they were holding their annual Fireworks Night on November 5th. Everyone was welcome.

Tania Hancock brought some feedback regarding the Eisteddfod. She stressed that the tuck shop rota must be respected and clubs stick to their allocated time or swop them with other clubs. This was also reiterated by the Chair.

Ball in the Hall – the Chairman reiterated that the Ball in the Hall will be rearranged to the 10th November as a fitting end to the County Winter Fair. Clubs were reminded to order

tickets from the office and it was confirmed that any tickets previously ordered will be honoured.

Fishguard YFC brought up that they were organising a trip to Jonothan and noted that it could be a trip that other clubs were interested in.

The Chairman reminded members that the closing date for the Wales YFC international programme is the 2nd November.

Reminder to get any forms signed in the office with Nia.

The Chairman wished those going on the Rural Affairs Trip a good time. Also Good luck to all members competing in the Wales Winter Fair and in the Wales Eisteddfod in Barry. Also good luck to everyone in the English Public Speaking competitions in December.

The Chairman informed clubs that Queens's ball tickets will be in the office soon, so asked clubs to place ticket orders and asked everyone to promote the event as much as possible.

The Chairman then explained that there was one piece of staff matters to discuss and proceeded to read a letter from Nia George, County Organiser tending her resignation and noting her final day of work will be the 19th December 2018. This was longer than her notice period and would stay until this date in order to sort everything out before she left. The Chairman thanked Nia for her work during her time with Pembrokeshire YFC and wished her luck in her future ventures. The committee clapped to show their appreciation for Nia's work.

The Chairman then announced that the County Officials would be holding an event or trip in light of the National Convection being cancelled. Further details will be announced in the coming months.

The Chair wished everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

9. To confirm date of next meeting will be Wednesday 30th January 2019 at 7.30pm