



## Valley Arts and Crafts

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Methodist Church Hall, Welshpool

### **Present:**

Angela and Ivor Hawkins, Pam and Stuart Parnell, Cynthia Evans, Jayne Griffiths, Bronwyn Strugnell, Penny Vingoe, Mandy Britton, Hazel Smith, Peter and Margaret Eccleston, Tony Caplin, Jayne Griffiths, Ted and Diana Rogers, Hazel Smith, Jen Owen, Cameran Summers

### **Apologies:**

Hilda Fix, Sonya, Sarah Hall, Sarah Jones, Lorry Turpin, Nina, Annie and Ian Smith

### **Minutes of the last meeting:**

Approved

### **Chairman's Report:**

Hilda sent her apologies as she had problems with her car and was unable to get to the meeting so Pam chaired the meeting in her absence.

The shop will close this Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> and you are asked to do one of two things.

1. Pick up your stock on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November between 11a.m. and 4 p.m.
2. Collect stock at a later date suitable to Heather. This MUST be arranged with Heather only and you should make it clear to either Pam, Angela or Hilda before the 5<sup>th</sup> that this is what you are doing so that we can leave your stock in a place that is obvious.

If you do neither of the above it will be assumed that you are not collecting and your stock will be packed away in the shop over the winter period.

Angela has said that there have been far too many mistakes made on the till which has resulted in her spending hours going through till rolls and sales sheets to find the errors. If you do make a mistake (and we all do from time to time) either rectify it once the customer has gone if you can and if you can't make sure that you write down exactly what you have done and include it in the sales bag at the end of the day. It has been

decided that everyone who works in the shop should have a refresher on the till so Angela will hold up to three days training so people can play on the till until they understand exactly what is required. This will be some time in the spring before the shop reopens.

It is at this time of the year that we start thinking about working in the shop next year. Without you volunteering there will be no shop. If you can let Pam know what your intentions are for next year that would be great otherwise I will be asking straight after Christmas in order to get a rota in place ready for March, so the sooner I know, the sooner we can get sorted. There is a form to fill in at the end of the minutes. Either copy and paste it with details or simply send me that information in an email.

We have had the offer of two more glass cabinets ready for next season. Hilda would also like to see the columns painted but it was pointed out at the meeting that the counter is also the same colour and it would probably take three or four coats of paint to cover it and people quite like it as it was. If anyone has any ideas of what you would like to see in the shop then please let Hilda know. Pam suggested a while ago that each member who had stock in the shop should have a postcard sized card with a photo and details of who you are etc to help personalise things and Hilda asked that members should think about doing this for next year along with your A4 sheet of details to go in the shop folder.

We will also need to think about producing a new brochure with photographs of the shop and individual items similar to the one we have now. We will also need newspaper articles and adverts.

As it is the tenth anniversary of the shop opening on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 we could have a splash in the newspapers. Another idea put forward was to purchase a pop up gazebo for outside the shop during the summer months and have members demonstrating what they do in a hope of drawing more people inside. Anyone interested in doing this please let Pam know. Any other suggestions will be considered so get your thinking caps on!

Lake Vyrnwy Marketing Association are opening the playground at half term and are planning to advertise for cycling routes. They are also considering charging to park in the bottom car park! It was also noted that the area just below the shop is marked on our lease as being parking just for the units on the yard and the two houses but there is no sign to tell the general public that. Severn Trent are having a facebook page for Lake Vyrnwy and it will have links to our website.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

As of 13<sup>th</sup> October:-

Community Account: £2918.80

Business Money Manager: £4249.78

**Craft shows:**

Powys Artisan Fairs: Contact Kristian Hickson-Booth, Guilsfield Community Centre 07813 796 250, [kristian1pwi@googlemail.com](mailto:kristian1pwi@googlemail.com) November 26th

**Any other business:**

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December and is our Christmas Bash. We will have a short meeting followed by a festive get together so please bring a plate of something with you. We will also have a show and tell table so please bring something along that you are currently working on or have just finished or anything that would interest other members. We look forward to seeing you there.

It was nice to see Ted back, recovering after his illness and we wish Diana all the best on her forthcoming operation.

**Demonstration:**

Cynthia Evans gave us a demonstration on how she makes her soap and flannel bags and it was much appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Shop days for 2017	To be completed and sent to sparnell115@aol.com
Name	
How many day you wish to work	
Days or particular dates you wish to do	
Days or dates you cannot do	