



Valley Arts and Crafts

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2016

At the Methodist Church Hall, Welshpool

Members Present:

Pam and Stu Parnell, Hilda Fix, Angela Hawkins, Hazel Smith, Nina Jones, Cynthia Evans, Jayne Griffiths, Parveen Nazar, Jen Owen, Diana Rogers, Ted Rogers, Mandy Birch.

Apologies:

Penny Vingoe, Deborah Shaw, Bronwyn Strugnell, Mike Browning, Tony Caplin, Sarah Hall, Beth McPhee, Sarah Jones, Sue Lavender and Marge and David Youden

Minutes of the last meeting:

Approved

Chairman's Report:

Hilda welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. She opened on the topic of manning the shop as it was brought to her notice that a member who was unable to do two consecutive days in the shop had unfortunately not followed protocol as follows:

It is the responsibility of the shop member to find replacements for any days they are unable to do by ringing other shop members on the contact list they have been provided with and not making it the responsibility of the committee. We are all volunteers together and in this instance the committee are no different to anyone else. In future this protocol must be adhered to.

Hilda kindly offered to do one of the days and Jen Owen kindly stepped in to do the other one.

Hilda told the group that Pam had printed off lots of photographs of the shop along with a VAC banner which Hilda, Stuart and Pam put up in the Tourist Information Office in Welshpool to advertise our presence. We did also manage to put one or two prints on the boards too. She had taken photographs of the boards for members to see. The exhibition comes down again on May 5th so if you are in Welshpool, do pop in and have a look.

Penny Vingoe has suggested to Hilda that we have a monthly profile of our members in the

newsletter which is a great idea. In order for this to happen you need to send a photo or photos and a small biography to Hilda.

There is to be a large exhibition in Liverpool in June advertising Wales as a place to visit and so Hilda has passed on the information to the Lake Vyrnwy Marketing Association as they didn't know anything about it.

Hilda is trying to compile a list of date, prices, contact details etc of as many shows as possible and would be grateful if members could pass on the information for any they are doing or know about to her please.

Hilda wished to thank two of our new members, Sue Lavender and Mark George for agreeing to fill in the Tuesdays at the shop which now means we are back to full strength and open every day until the end of October.

Treasurer's Report:

Angela reminded people that all memberships should have been paid as they were due on 1st March and reminded those who have work in the shop that it is now technically not insured and will be removed from sale unless the fee of £20 is received by return.

Remember to send a stamped, addressed envelope too so your membership card can be sent to you otherwise it can be collected from the shop. Members are also reminded that membership cards must be shown when collecting monies from the shop as not everyone knows everyone else. Please note that without it you will not be paid!

Bank balances as at 13th April:

Community Account: £1491.63

Business Money Manager: £2412.29

Monies have been paid out recently for the PRS Music Licence and for the web domain.

Craft shows:

Bodfach Hall on May 30th is now full.

Details of all other shows to follow when Hilda has all the details.

Any other business:

Pam read out a letter from Shirley Morris whose husband has been very poorly letting us know that he is making progress although slowly and sending her best wishes to everyone and also passing on many thanks for all the hard work put in by the committee from another one of our members, Brian Earp.

