



## VALLEY ARTS AND CRAFTS



Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Methodist Church Hall, Welshpool

### **Present:**

Hilda Fix, Angela and Ivor Hawkins, Tony Caplin, Nina Jones, Cynthia Evans, Jayne Griffiths, Neil and Laura Summers, David and Marge Youden. Pavenne Nazar, Hazel Smith, Sue Lavender, Jen Owen,

### **Apologies**

Stuart and Pam Parnell, Deborah Shaw, Penny Vingoe, Beth McPhee, Annie and Ian Smith, Becca Tansley and Lorry Turpin (who all said Thank You for all the hard work and Merry Christmas to all)

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

There was an omission to the last minutes. A member had brought up the subject of duplication of members' items. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

### **Chairmans Report**

Hilda reported that she had received an e mail from Pam to say that due to health reasons she is resigning from her position as Secretary and will not be working in the shop next year. The group wished her all the best and hoped her health would improve. Someone will need to volunteer to act as an Assistant Sectary to take the minutes of the meetings in February and March and a new Secretary will have to be elected at the AGM in March

Hilda stated that she was very disappointed to have had no responses to her e mail about opinions and ideas for the shop. She said that if no-one gives opinions or ideas then they cannot complain or say anything about the shop next year. She asked that people send her their opinions or ideas by e mail. *(some ideas were forthcoming at the end of the meeting and these will be discussed at the February meeting)*

It is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the shop opening next year which is an amazing achievement and down to the volunteers who man the shop. Without them there wouldn't be a shop. Although there are a few volunteers for next year more will be needed so that the shop can be open 7 days a week from April to October next year. A cleaning and restocking day will also have to be arranged.

Please remember that Angela will be having 3 till training days next March so that everyone who will be working in the shop can be trained or retrained on the till while the shop is closed. These

dates will be arranged at the February meeting.

It was suggested that the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration which is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May could be in the form of a celebration in the courtyard with drinks and cake and late night shopping. If anyone has other other suggestions please forward them to Hilda.

There will an article in the chronicle about our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the March issue and details of the celebration in the April issue.

Next year we need a new ad and a new brochure. Hilda showed the group wording for the new ad and some amendments were made. (*the amended new ad has been sent to the Chronicle*) The brochure would have to be done after the shop is stocked so we have up to date photos.

Up to date information on members is needed for the website and for the ring binder in the shop. Please send the information (text and photos separately) to Penny at [valleyartsandcrafts@clayaround.com](mailto:valleyartsandcrafts@clayaround.com) so she can update the website. Printed pages can be brought to the February meeting or posted to Hilda so that they can inserted in the ring binder. It would be nice to have in the shop individual cards with a photo (*optional*) and details of the craftsperson. This makes people connect with who is making the items and hopefully gives them a boost to buy it. Please send any photos you have of sales and any events to Penny who can put them on the website. The items from the scrapbook which is at the shop could also be scanned and put on the website to give a history of Valley Arts and Crafts.

Jen Own volunteered to monitor the facebook page which has not be used in a long time but this could be a very good platform to advertise the shop and the special events next year. Please send her any photos you have of shows or new items you have made to [jenowen12344@gmail.com](mailto:jenowen12344@gmail.com) Tony suggested that the opening of the shop and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary could also be put on members' individual facebook pages to advertise us more.

There could also be a display at the Tourist Information Centre Welshpool like there was last year.

### **Lake Vyrnwy Marketing Association**

Severn Trent have stated that they will be charging for car parking at the Lake in the New Year and with regard to that Hilda wrote to Severn Trent as follows:

“Valley Arts and Crafts have a retail unit at Lake Vyrnwy and would like to offer the following comments on car parking charges at the Lake.

We understand that fees will be charged on the bottom car park and at Artisans café but not elsewhere. If car parking fees are only in selected areas, drivers will park in the free spaces and thus congest other areas.

As the area is quite remote, we feel that there is a strong possibility of meters being vandalised. Only cash will be able to be used as there is little or no mobile reception in the area.

A suggestion would be (as happens in National Trust car parks) that donations would be more appropriate.

We also feel that having car parking charges would adversely affect businesses at Lake Vyrnwy”

She has not received a reply but a meeting is being arranged for January and she will bring it up then. When it was discussed it was mentioned that there would be free parking for people who work there.

### **Treasurers Report**

All commissions and refunds for days worked have now been paid and the balances of the accounts are:

Money Management Account £4,861.24 as at December 6th  
Community Account £887.11 from 13<sup>th</sup> November statement

V A C will not have to pay rates next year as we are exempt as a small business. There has been no further developments on any rent increase.

### **Craft Sales**

It was suggested that there should be a specific person to monitor craft shows and let all members know where and when they are and the contact details so that everyone has a chance to attend. If anyone would like to do this please let Hilda know. *(Since the meeting Jayne has volunteered to be the events person)* Please keep in mind any events that V A C could link up with or possibly have a table with a selection of goods

### **Any other Business**

There will be a big cycling event in and around Llanfyllin on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Hilda will find out more details to see if there would be a possibility of V A C doing anything.  
Angela will look into the possibility of have items or a display at the cafe in Llanfair Caereinion.

### **Dates of Next Meetings**

General Meeting Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017

General Meeting and AGM Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017