



VALLEY ARTS AND CRAFTS



Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22nd 2017

Methodist Church Hall, Welshpool

Present:

Hilda Fix, Ivor and Angela Hawkins, Peter and Margaret Eccleston, Jayne Griffiths, Nina Jones, Ted and Diana Rogers, Cynthia Evans, Jen Owen, Hazel Smith, Tony Caplin, Mandy Britton, Abi Crutcher, Becca Tansley, Sue Lavender, Beth McPhee, Lena Jones

Apologies

Deborah Shaw, Lorry Turpin, Sarah Jones, Bronwyn Strugnell, Pavenne Nazar, Marge and David Youden, Nicky Walters, Stella Gratrix, Mike Browning, Sonya Smith, Penny Vingoe

Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes were approved

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Hilda set round the agenda and explained the new items on it. Instead of the Chairman's report there will be matters arising from the last meeting and a new item 'members remarks' which is for anyone to say anything, criticism, bouquets, suggestions, new happenings, and if they can't attend a meeting e mail anything they want to bring up.

Shop

The shop has now reopened with help from the cleaning team of Hilda, Angela, Jayne on the ladder hoovering away cobwebs and window cleaning and Nicky and Hazel. Thanks to those who brought in their stock and came for till training.

We now have the mirror for the shop and need someone to put it up. Possibly Aled from the cafe may be able to do it.

Although there are some information cards in the shop, I.e. Cynthia, Ken, Vicki and Stella Gratrix it would be nice to have more, a card with just a few biographical details of what you do as it does connect people to the creator. Updated pages are also required for the website and ring binder. Please print out your new page and leave it at the shop and e mail the page to Penny via the website. You should send the page as you would like it and the text and photos separately.

Photos of the shop will be in the next Newsletter and on our website. They are already on our new Facebook group page.

Remember if you do a swap phone the shop so that the rota on the door can be changed (so Heather will know who is supposed to be there.)

There has been one commission request already. If you have someone in the shop who wants a special piece give them the members phone number and get the persons name and phone number and e mail or call the member to give them a heads up. A list of codes and phone numbers are on the door at the shop

We have a new member Dave who does leather work and a former member rejoining; Caroline Brockley who sews girls dresses. We also had interest from Jude Cotterill who paints.

The 10th anniversary article has appeared in the Chronicle, County Times (although they said Crafts and Arts) and the Oswestry Advertiser and in the Llanfyllin column in the County Times. It was also sent to Welsh Border magazine but no response was received from them.

A list of the members who have volunteered to do demos during the summer is attached. If you would like to do a demo or special sale on one of the blank dates please let Hilda know

LVMA

As stated in the last minutes there will be no car parking fees. It will be donation only with signs up saying where the money is going and a suggested donation

The playground is now open with Tesco giving £2,000 from plastic bag sales towards it.

ST and RSPB are finalising a lottery bid for various upgrading and new facilities at Lake Vyrnwy, one of which is turning the chapel into a heritage centre The budget is £2.8 million of which the Lottery Fund will give £1.7m. The bid its believed has approval in principle and has to be in by the end of the year with work starting late 2018

Hilda will bring up the problem with the potholes again at the next meeting

At the last LVMA meeting Glyn Davies MP and Russell George AM attended and after the meeting a letter to the chair of LVMA was received from Russell George regarding broadband.

“Dear Neil

The Cabinet Secretary has agreed to attend a future meeting, his office are going to get back to me on potential dates. I have had some answer back form providers, All providers have said that the topography of the land in the Lake Vyrnwy area – where the surrounding hillsides, including around Llanwddyn – represent a significant obstacle to getting the good line of sight needed to the masts to provide coverage, hence the difficulty providing coverage in the area.

Currently the nearest mast only provides a limited level of outdoor 2G voice coverage, but network infrastructure plans indicate that this mast site will be upgraded to provide better voice and mobile internet coverage to the area within the next 12-18 months, subject to the usual dependencies such as gaining the relevant planning permissions, the availability of suitable power and backhaul capacity etc.

The coverage footprint provided by the site will depend on factors such as the local natural and built topography, antenna heights, orientation and tilt. Providers have said that they will be happy to keep us updated when further information is available.

Russell

When a date for the visit is arranged that will be the next meeting of LVMA.

Brochure

Hilda sent round the latest brochure for the Lake Vyrnwy Hotel to show its simple lines and photos. A small group of members to help with the new brochure will be arranged at the next meeting.

Advertising

VAC are in the leaflets of things to do and on the LVMA website under arts and crafts. Hilda will e mail Keith with the dates and details of the celebration demos month by month. She will also send details to the Chronicle and County Times. Two posters will be made (which Hazel has volunteered to print) covering May and June and July and August.

Treasurers report

The bank balances as at January 13th were Money Management Account £4,861.73 and the Community Account £132.96.

Craft events

Jayne is compiling a list of craft events so please inform her of any crafts events and contact details that members know of or are going too, large or small.

There were two events on Facebook Baschurch April 2nd and Welshpool April 22nd

Website and social media

We now have a Facebook group page thanks to Jen and her daughter Hannah. All members can join group as long as you have a facebook account. The group page can be used to post photos or anything of interest. If you have your own facebook page please put in a link to our page and website

Members remarks

Jen thanked Hilda and Angela for their hard work in getting the shop restocked and members commented on how good it looks.

AOB

At the next meeting the dates for a display at the Tourist Information in Welshpool will be discussed

We will need demo volunteers for after the meetings in May July September and October

Nicky will be holding workshops on jewellery making and working with willow. Leaflets are available at the shop

On facebook there was a post about HMRC snooping on Etsy and pPaypal to see who is selling and how much. Details can be found via Jen Owen.

Dates of next meetings

Tuesday May 16th, Wednesday July 5th Thursday Sept 7, Wednesday Oct 11, Wednesday December 13th Wednesday 21 Feb, 2018, Wednesday 21 March 2018 AGM