



VALLEY ARTS AND CRAFTS



Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th October 2017

Methodist Church Hall, Welshpool

Present:

Hilda Fix, Angela Hawkins, Sue Lavender, Jayne Griffiths, Nina Jones, Ted and Diana Rogers, Neil and Laura Cameron, Paveen Nazar, Hazel Smith, Becca Tansley, Bronwyn Strugnell, Hywel Phillips

Apologies

Deb Shaw, Jen Owen, Penny Vingoe, Nicky Walters, Sarah Hall, Abi Crutcher, Beth McPhee, Cynthia Evans, Caroline Brockley, Owen, Melvyn Dodd

Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes were approved. Hilda apologized for the 6 typos.

Matters Arising

Shop

A thank you to Jen for the bubble wrap.

The shop will be closing on Monday 30th October. Stock can be collected on Tuesday 31st October, Saturday 4th November and Wednesday 8th November. Please try not to remove stock before the shop closes as this makes the shop look very bare for potential customers.

We are looking for volunteers to run the shop for the 2018 season. This may seem early but we need to know who and when people are available by the end of January at the latest. Richard can then draw up the rota and we will be able to set an opening date. Please remember that we are losing Angela, which is at least an extra 30 days to find. We cannot run the shop without volunteers and even a couple of days during the year is helpful. Full training will be given and Heather is always on call next door if there are any concerns. Please email Hilda with the days / dates you can cover.

Lake Vyrnwy Marketing Association

Hilda reported on the last meeting of 12th September when 6 county councillors attended. The discussion was around getting the Lake Vyrnwy better publicised. The

next meetings will be on 24th October to discuss the meeting on 13th November when Ken Skates AM and Economy Minister will attend.

There is a new Severn Trent ranger on site full time.

The “Weatherman Walking” programme, which was filmed around Lake Vyrnwy is scheduled for airing in January / February. This usually attracts people to the area.

Brochure

Work on the new brochure is progressing nicely. Hilda, Nicky & Jayne will be meeting on Friday to go through the photos for the brochure. Hopefully, it will be available for proofing at the December meeting.

Advertising

Hilda has put an ad in Chronicle to advertise the closing date of the shop at the end of the season, and to encourage people to do their Christmas shopping early.

Treasurers report

The bank balances as of 13th September were Money Management Account £4487.58 and the Community Account £1968.47.

Craft Events

Guilfield Christmas Fair will be held on November 8th. There will be 41 stalls over 2 venues. Melvyn Dodd, Hilda, Nicky and Deb Shaw will be there. If any other members will be attending, please email Nicky to let her know so that the information can be put on Facebook - nicky@ominicci.co.uk

Llanfyllin Christmas Market will be held outside in the square, from 4.00-7.30pm on 24th November. A pitch is £10, paid in advance, which will be refunded when the stall holder attends.

Llanfyllin Workhouse Christmas Market – date to be advised – please check Facebook for updates

Possible VAC craft show at Lake Vyrnwy Hotel & Spa. Hywel reported on his solo show that was held at the hotel. The function room costs £160 for the day and tables & cloths are provided. Membership were asked to think about having a VAC show in the spring or just before Christmas next year.

Llanfair show will be August 25th 2018. See Angela for more details.

If you have details of any shows, large or small that you are attending or know about please send the details to Jayne so that she can inform all members - jayneg59@hotmail.com

Website and Social Media

Thanks to Nicky and Jen for organizing Facebook and providing regular updates online.

Members remarks

AOB

Caroline Brockley will not be rejoining as her husband has been diagnosed with a serious illness. The membership wished her well.

Mary Smith has rejoined. Hilda will email her contact details to Sue so she can be added to the membership database.

The next meeting on the 13th December will be a Christmas get together. Members are asked to bring an of food to share.

Nina then showed how she made her Christmas decorations. These are now available in the shop.

Thank you to the members who made the tea & coffee and washed the cups and also to Paveen for the home baking.

Dates of next meetings

Wednesday 13th December. Wednesday 21st Feb 2018, Wednesday 21st March 2018
AGM