



VALLEY ARTS AND CRAFTS

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday September 24th 2015

Methodist Church Hall, Welshpool

Present:

Hilda Fix, Angela Hawkins, Nina Jones, Cynthia Evans, Jayne Griffiths, Becca Tansley, Tony Caplin, Hazel Smith, Penny Vingoe

Apologies

Stuart and Pam Parnell, Pavenne Nazar, Sonya Smith, Deborah Shaw, Summers/Cameron, Stella Gratix

Minutes of the last meeting

Approved

Chairmans Report

Hilda welcomed everyone to the meeting including our new member Hazel Smith. Our other new members are Lisa Briers-Norton, Deborah Shaw and Sorrel Servier.

Shop

There was a special thank you to Ted and Diana Rogers for manning the shop at very short notice when everyone was sick. A request for volunteers to man the shop next year has been sent out and anyone who wishes to volunteer should send the days they can man the shop to Pam. Shop volunteers were asked to please remember to put the bottom bolts on the door as it can be opened if they are not shut properly and to take time when using the till and sales sheet as it took quite a time for Angela and Ivor to balance last month as something was in the till and not on the sales sheet. Please balance the till printout at the end of the day with the total on the sales sheet. Mistakes can affect everyone's commission and the percentage shop volunteers get back at the end of the year.

Also if any change is needed please call Angela from the shop so she can bring up the change next time she is there.

Website

In order to encourage more people to go to the members pages on the website the password for the

page has been changed to **Valley** (capital V) and members can post their news, comments and photos there. If anyone would like their information on their page on the website please send photos and text (separately) to Penny and she will put it on the website. Some new members mentioned that they had had trouble downloading the application form and that it printed very small. Penny will look into this.

Advertising

There was a half page in the Chronicle about our tenth anniversary with photos.

Hilda shared information that she had received about TV advertising which cost £24.00 a month but it was extremely short notice and not considered effective, however if anyone is interested please contact Hilda for further information.

The Lake Vrynwy Marketing Association has just had a 2 week display at the Tourist Information Centre in Welshpool. It is free and Hilda will book a two week period for next year April or May. There is a possibility of putting items in a cabinet and we will need large pictures. This will be discussed at future meetings

Lake Vrynwy Marketing Association

John Telford is the new site manager / ranger and hopefully will arrange for the sculpture park to be improved.

The Association is looking for funding to advertise Lake Vrynwy more. The AGM in October will be a Show and Tell sort of meeting where members can bring information about their businesses. Hilda will take leaflets and the ring binder from the shop as some of the Marketing Association members may not know about us or where we are.

As a matter of interest Hollyoaks did not film at the dam as it appeared that Severn Trent would not get paid enough to cover their costs. An episode of the reality series Hunted has filmed there.

Newsletter

There was not a September Newsletter as Hilda did not have enough to put into it. There will be a Newsletter after every meeting.

Treasurers Report

Bank Balances as at 13th September 2015

Community account £1,168.69

Business Money Manager £4,351.48

Angela informed the meeting that the rent on the card machine is much lower than last year and the costs of phone, electricity and water have been kept low. There is no news on the rent increase or a new lease, but there is a possibility that the shop may have to pay rates next year.

Craft Sales

Becca informed the meeting that there is a mini Wonderwool at Oswestry Memorial Hall on Sunday October 11th. For more details contact Becca at becca@alterknitive.co.uk Hilda asked members to think about any events next year that can we hook onto. There may be a possibility that Bodfach Gardens will be open in June and we may be able to have a number of stalls there

Other business

The W I Pageant which some of our members are involved with is at Abermule on October 22nd

Penny provided the meeting with a demonstration of how to paint pictures and patterns on clay and card using cut outs and paints and everyone enjoyed having a go while enjoying tea, coffee and biscuits.

Next Meeting The next meeting is on Wednesday October 28th when the closure of the shop for the winter will be discussed.