

# Valley Arts and Crafts

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at the Corn Exchange,  
Welshpool

## **Present**

Janet & Richard Baddiley, Daphne Bursell, Angela & Ivor Hawkins, Marge & David Youden, Sylvia Hurst, David Young, Hilda Fix

## **Apologies**

Ted & Diane Rogers, Bronwyn Strugnell, Parveen Nazar, Pam and Stuart Parnell

Hilda opened the meeting by wishing to express a big thank-you to all the Lake Vyrnwy shop volunteers from this year and to those who have agreed to man the shop next year. Without the commitment of the volunteers it would not be possible to keep the shop open.

## **Treasurers Report**

Now that all the cheques for the repayments to last years shop group have cleared the bank, what remains is all VAC money excepting the high interest account which will be used to repay the commissions to the shop volunteers after the year end.

Until the shop has closed for the year, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, it will not be possible to precisely calculate the commission repayments but as at 13<sup>th</sup> September:-

Main cheque account:	£1631.23
High Interest account:	£3408.95

With regard to the lease on the shop at Lake Vyrnwy, the new Powys CC person in charge of workshops, Karen Lewis, says that PCC legal department are adamant that whoever buys the Estate must honour the existing 99 year lease that PCC hold on the workshops. They are now willing to, once more; offer us a 6 year lease next year when our present lease expires. They will also recommend that there should be no rent increase as we trade only part of the year. Should the rent review body require some increase it should be minimal.

The film that was made at the shop is copyright to the film makers but we are welcome to use it how we wish. They recommend that it would be better to link from our website to the film's location on theirs as it is a very large video file:-

<http://www.horticulturewales.co.uk/News/Local-Produce-to-Local-People.aspx>

Ivor has come across a possible source of funding via PAVO for tourism projects. He has not yet had time to download and assess all the details but it initially appears that we may be eligible for up to £5000. More next meeting.

## **VAC Event at Llanyblodwel Memorial Hall**

Adverts have been placed in the Tanat Chronicle and County Times, the caretaker suggests a banner on the road.

Those 17 members who have indicated a wish to attend this event please call Hilda at home

between 6 and 9 pm to confirm your booking. We have more members wishing to attend in the event of cancellations. There are sufficient tables in the hall but apparently the chairs are somewhat uncomfortable for prolonged use so cushions are suggested.

### Other events

Derwen Garden Centre are holding a craft event on 6/7 October. No one present at the meeting could see how they could put on much of an event given the space available. If any member could investigate and report back please.

### Other business

To return to the shop. Angela has noticed that some volunteers are putting the wrong part of credit card slips in the till, presumably giving the Merchant Copy to the customer.

It is only desirable to sub-total the till after ringing in all the sales for a customer. Sub-totalling after every item merely uses a lot of unnecessary till rolls.

Please try to give the till receipt to the customer.

It has been suggested that VAC get a credit card machine to take to events. An investigation into the costs indicates that it would cost at least £35 per month, plus transaction charges, plus call charges. It would be necessary to hold far more VAC events than we do at present in order to justify such expenses.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October

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