## WELSH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE April 2014

## Minutes of WCEC meeting held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April @ Elephant & Castle Hotel, Newtown, Powys Pre WELSH COUNCIL

**PRESENT** Actions 37/14 Members - Gwyn Lewis (Chair), Alan Austin (Vice Chair), Chris Hodgson (Vice Chair), John Cook (Hon Treasurer), Max Grant (Hon Secretary), Diane Davies, Vernon Davies, , Ron Williams, Asta Smith **Staff** – Angela Charlton (Director Wales), Guests - Denis McAteer (President), Alex Marshall, David Thomson (Convener Ramblers Scotland), Kate Ashbrook (President Ramblers GB), 38/14 Apologies - Kay Davies, Jonathan Kipling, Benedict Southworth, Jane Davidson 39/14 **Declarations of Interest** There were no declarations of interest 40/14 **Announcements** None. WCEC nomination forms 41/14 Completed forms from RW, AS & MG were handed in. It was expected that there would be a couple of other nominations. Kay Davies is not standing for re election. 42/14 Welsh Council Agenda Items on the WC agenda were discussed where appropriate as below. Welcomes – order of welcomes was agreed as Alan Austin (Chair of Powys Area), 43/14 Rina Clarke (Mayor of Newtown), Denis McAteer to give President's address. 44/14 Tellers and scutineers (different for Saturday and Sunday) were noted. 45/14 Barry Southwell to give address on behalf of Ramblers Holiday Charitable Trust, to talk about donation to Ramblers for the Path Watch campaign (working title). Mavis Rear is also a trustee for RHCT, and both would be treated as non paying It was agreed that as there were so few visitors the charges for lunch would be waived. 46/14 Workshop sessions - were discussed. Reporteurs would be volunteered to lead on the feedback session. 47/14 Huw Irranca Davies - pre dinner speech. Huw has been asked to give some tips on how best to use AMs and MPs for our campaigns. 48/14 Breakfast starts at 8.00, and leave rooms by 10.00 - there are other events on at the Hotel on Sunday. 49/14 Ballot for WCEC members - not yet known if there will be elections and therefore hustings. Agreed that if there are elections and a tie, lots will be drawn for those tying. 50/14 Motions - Cambrian Way. WCEC agreed with amendment proposed by DD. This DD

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is to be put to Geoff Williams who will hopefully accept it on behalf of their Group.

51/14 **WCEC meeting after WC** – will be held straight after lunch on Sunday.

52/14 **WC 2015** – location would be in North Wales. DMcA suggested that the Victoria DMcA Hotel in Llanberis might be suitable – he would make enquiries.

53/14 Dates and venues for future meetings

Sunday 13.04.14 Newtown – after WC 13.30

Signed Gwyn Lewis (Chairman) 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (date)