

**WELSH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of WCEC meeting held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014**  
**At Wales Office, Cardiff**

<b>No.</b>		<b>Actions</b>
	<b>Present</b>	
	<b>Members</b> –, Gwyn Lewis (Chair), Chris Hodgson (Vice-Chair), Vernon Davies (Vice-Chair), John Cook (Hon Treasurer), Diane Davies (Hon Secretary), Max Grant, Alan Norton, Asta Smith, Tony Thomas	
76/14	<b>Staff</b> – Angela Charlton (Director Wales)	
	<b>Guest</b> – Jonathan Kipling (Chair, Ramblers GB), Benedict Southworth (Chief Executive) (via Teleconference link), Maria Golightly (Tiger Bay)	
77/14	GL welcomed JK to the meeting and also welcomed AN & TT to their first meeting.	
78/14	<b>Apologies:</b> Denis McAteer, Alex Marshall, Ron Williams, Richard Trueman, Christine O’Byrne	
79/14	<b>Declaration of Interest:</b> none.	
80/14	<b>Announcements:</b> GL reported the death of Dawn Davies, ex-Chair Lower Wye Ramblers: AC attended funeral on behalf of RC.	
	The following sets of minutes were agreed with the correction of minor errors and are to go on the website:	
81/14	(i) Minutes of 10 <sup>th</sup> February at Shrewsbury (ii) Minutes of 12 <sup>th</sup> April, pre-WC2014 (iii) Minutes of 13 <sup>th</sup> April, post-WC2014	DD
82/14	Matters arising not on Action Sheet: 70/14 (Legal Fund Committee) MG confirmed it no longer existed.	
83/14	Action Sheet (6/14: Review of Affiliated Clubs): MG reported that this was ongoing.	MG
84/14	Action Sheet (7/14: Glastir): response made to consultation paper; Esta Beilby thanked for her work on this issue.	
85/14	Action Sheet (13/14: Policy paper on Agri-environment schemes onto website): Rebecca Brough will do this.	AC
86/14	Action Sheet (12/14: Review of problems with RC website): AS has begun work and will present a paper at next meeting.	AS
87/14	Action Sheet (30/14: Publicity for practical work): recognised that volunteers involved in this would benefit from training on how to publicise their work and AC will look into this.	AC
88/14	Action Sheet (31/14: President’s membership challenge): GL reported that this was ongoing.	GL
89/14	Action Sheet (32/14: <b>Communities on Foot</b> folder): yet to be followed up but to be in considered as part of Business Plan (action considered as cleared).	
90/14	Action Sheet (33/14: RC equivalent of <b>Paths in Crisis</b> initiative): (i) to be part of Business Plan and to be considered as cleared; (ii) MG volunteered to collate information garnered from Fol requests and present them in a useful format.	MG

91/14	Action Sheet (34/14: Circuit of Wales on Rassau Common): MG reported that he had not yet contacted Gwent Group.	MG
92/14	Action Sheet (35/14: contacting Madeleine Gray): done	
93/14	Action Sheet (60/14: Bank mandate signatures): done	
94/14	Action Sheet (62/14: National Eisteddfod): JC reported a stand had been booked for c.£700 in name of RC and he hoped that Walking for Health would share the stand; AC spoke about need to bring in Lets Walk Cymru and also suggest that a training session for those volunteering to help out on the stand would be beneficial.	JC
95/14	Action Sheet (65/14: Consultation Paper on Delegate Selection): approved after suggested amendments to the paper were accepted; a further week allowed for any further amendment before it is sent for distribution.	DD
96/14	Action Sheet (72/14: Co-option onto WCEC): Maria Golightly (MGo) was proposed and accepted as WCEC member (nem con). MG to send her induction pack.	MG
97/14	<b>Director's report:</b> AC provided written notes and gave further details verbally.	
98/14	WCEC Budget monitoring report: JC provided written report; budget needs to be sorted out for July meeting and there is a need to think about the size of WCEC balance of £20,000. Report accepted.	
99/14	Group/Area bank balances: budgeting system for Areas and Groups system will remain the same for this year and any decisions by WCEC will need to be taken at September meeting.	
100/14	Legal Fund budget: no applications	
101/14	Cardiff Office budget: written report given; under budget at present due to staff shortages but this will balance out over the rest of the financial year.	
102/14	Business Plan (BP): AC set out the main headings for RC and it was agreed that the BP should include RC's equivalent to <b>Paths in Crisis</b> (see 89/14) and <b>Communities on Foot</b> folder (see 90/14). Timetable for RC's BP is dependent on timetable for that of Ramblers (GB) which is conversations within SMT for outline BP by end of July and final BP by end of August ready for new financial year. AC stressed that our plan needs to consider whether three core staff officers were sufficient to carry out the work of RC. Agreed that BP should be on agenda for July meeting and all are asked to send any ideas they wish to see included to AC in time for her to compose a draft that can go to members at least a week before the meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> July.	All
103/14	WC 2015: A Saturday/Sunday format on April 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> was agreed. MG to seek suitable venue in North Wales but to report back swiftly if he considered a change of weekend might be needed to secure a venue. AC stated that the administrative work involved would be part of the job description of the to-be-appointed Admin Assistant.	MG
104/14	Cambrian Way: MG paper on the remit of the Task and Finish group (TFG) and amendments were suggested and MG will redraft the paper in the light of these comments and circulate to the membership with a request for volunteers. It was agreed that MG and RW would be WCEC reps on TFG. It was also agreed that GL, MC and RW would select remaining members of the TFG from those putting themselves forward as volunteers.	MG GL, MG, RW
105/14	Meetings in Shrewsbury: agreed the meetings should be on Saturdays and The Prince Rupert Hotel was the favoured venue. The dates agreed were:	DD

Saturday 5th July 2014 in Shrewsbury  
Saturday 27th September 2014 in Cardiff  
Saturday 22nd November 2014 in Shrewsbury  
Saturday 7th February 2015 in Cardiff.

- 106/14 AOB: GL to forward to JC and e-mail received from John France, Treasurer Swansea Group regarding basic funding of Groups. GL, JC
- 107/14 AOB: AN raised issue of RC's Vision which does not presently exist.
- 108/14 BS stated that new members of WCEC were most welcome to visit London Office to learn more about the work there.

Signed: Gwyn Lewis (Chairman)

5<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (date)