

WELSH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of WCEC meeting held on Saturday 21st November 2015
At Wales Office, Cardiff

No.		Actions
161/15	<p style="text-align: center;">Present</p> <p>Members – Alan Norton (Chair), Gwyn Lewis (Vice-Chair), Diane Davies (Secretary), John Cook (Treasurer), Max Grant, George Allingham, Vernon Davies (Vice-President), Chris Hodgson (Vice-Chair), Maggie Thomas, Ron Williams (Vice-President)</p> <p>Staff – Angela Charlton, Hannah Norman (for Item 18)</p> <p>Guests: Benedict Southworth (CEO Ramblers GB) (via video link), Christine O’Byrne (Vice Chair, BoT)</p>	
162/15	Apologies: Denis McAteer, Richard Trueman	
163/15	Declaration of Interest: re item 17: CO’B declared her work for Chwarae Teg	
164/15	Minutes of 28 th September 2015 were approved and are to go on the website.	DD
165/15	It was agreed that the minutes of the video conference held 9 th September 2015 were confidential and should only go onto the WIKI site.	DD
166/15	Action Sheet (142/15): Motion on Officer for northern half of Wales passed at WC2015: Action on this is ongoing.	AC
167/15	Action sheet (147/15): a glossary for the BP has been circulated.	
168/15	<p>Business Plan: AC highlighted issues from the updated BP which had been circulated.</p> <p>(i) Staff reorganisation in the Wales Office has been completed and AC agreed to circulate an up-date on staff roles.</p> <p>(ii) Green Paper on Access & Recreation: AC outlined the next steps which included responding to input of other organisations and continuing a long-term campaign on the issue. AC raised the need to emphasise the Welshness of our plans to extend access and preserve the footpath network in order to distinguish it from the Scottish and Nordic models. WCEC offered its congratulations to all those involved in the work done so far on this issue.</p> <p>(iii) Legal Fund: AC reported on a further allocation from the fund of £4500 for a case in North Wales involving Railtrack.</p> <p>(iv) The issue of attracting new walk leaders was raised and it was suggested that an Area pilot a scheme. BS pointed out that to know where to intervene required knowing where the problem lay: i.e was the difficulty of attracting new leaders just a symptom of another more fundamental problem. The discussion ended without anyone stepping forward to action this.</p> <p>(v) There has not been progress on the Vision and Strategic Framework document since the last meeting so that showing it as green overstates the case.</p> <p>(vi) There are lines missing from the November BP update that were present in the September BP update. This needs correcting and the update reissued. In addition, AN noted that the BP update for the BoT meeting on 28th November is different again to that presented to WCEC.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AC</p>
169/15	Reports on budgets to be discussed by video-conference on 3 rd December. AN raised the issue that end of year accounts should now be available for WCEC to consider. He agreed to follow this up with BS.	AN

170/15	Interpretation of Article 3.4 of RC Constitution: following discussion on papers presented by DD and GA, WCEC agreed that it would interpret the wording of the article as follows: <i>3.4.1 two members from each Area for the first 500 members or part thereof.</i> <i>3.4.2 one further delegate from an Area for each extra 500 members or part thereof.</i> This would lead to the number of Area delegates being as set out in Interpretation A in the paper by DD. WCEC to put forward a constitutional amendment at WC2016 to clarify the wording of Article 3.4 along these lines. BS and CO'B noted this decision and would inform BoT.	DD
171/15	Scramblers project: A report was circulated and AC gave an update on the project. The next step will be agreeing with SMT on how the project should now go forward.	
172/15	Review of Area and Group Structures: Minutes of a sub-group meeting and two papers by AN were discussed. (i) Communications and Publicity: BS asked exactly what aspects of communication was under consideration, and he agreed to provide a set of questions for WCEC to answer to clarify this. A request to provide a budget for the employment of a consultant, if necessary, was deferred. (ii) Role of Areas: it was pointed out that the discussion section of a paper on this seem to mirror the list of roles but it was agreed in principle to circulate the paper to Areas for comment.	BS & AC AN
173/15	Cambrian Way: report of the Working Group dated 11 th November 2015 was approved.	
174/15	Dates of meetings: these were approved on the understanding that the new WCEC after WC2016 may have its own views on Saturday meetings in Shrewsbury.	
175/15	RC Vision: AN put forward a paper that focussed on the Vision and Mission aspect of the Vision and Strategic Framework document. The six points in that document were accepted in principle, and some suggestions made to improve the statements. The paper to be circulated when finalised.	AC & AN
176/15	50/50 by 2020: Co'B spoke on this topic emphasising it encompassed the need for a wide spectrum of people to be active on WCEC. The time left in the meeting did not allow Co'B to make a proper presentation.	
177/15	HN gave a short training session to WCEC members on using the WIKI website.	
178/15	AOB (i): MG informed the meeting that a training session on lost ways was to be held in Llandudno on 19 th March 2016.	
179/15	AOB(ii): AN gave a report on a meeting about Short walks that he attended and offered compliments to the Ramblers team that ran it.	
180/15	AOB(iii): AN raised a perceived problem that information about the need now to concentrate on sample squares for Pathwatch was not getting through to Area and Groups. AN to include something in his report to Areas that will he will send out following this meeting.	AN
181/15	AOB(iv): A discussion on WCEC members pen portraits was held.	
	Signed.. Alan Norton(Chairman)	5 th February 2016(date)