

## WELSH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Minutes of WCEC meeting held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 at Prince Rupert Hotel, Shrewsbury

No.		Actions
82/16	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Present</b></p> <p><b>Members</b> –Alan Norton (Chair), Chris Hodgson (Vice-Chair), John Cook (Hon Treasurer), Diane Davies (Hon Secretary), Max Grant, George Allingham, Stan Winstanley, Stephen Hughes, Gwyn Lewis (Vice-Chair), Simon Longman</p> <p><b>Staff</b> – Angela Charlton (Director RC), Rebecca Brough (Policy Advocate)</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Des Garrahan (Chair BoT)</p>	
83/16	AN welcomed DG to the meeting.	
84/16	<b>Apologies:</b> Denis McAteer (President), Ron Williams (Vice-President), Alan Austin, Tony Yule, Geoff Williams	
85/16	<b>Declaration of Interest:</b> DG stated he had been a staff member.	
86/16	<b>Announcements:</b> none	
87/16	Minutes of 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2016 were approved and are to go onto the website	DD
88/16	<b>Action Sheet (58/16):</b> It was agreed that the draft minutes of WC2016 should go onto the website.	AC
89/16	<b>Action Sheet (61/16):</b> Those present stated that their Wiki problems had been resolved. No further action required.	
90/16	<b>Action Sheet (62/16 &amp; 38/16) (Motion on Planning Applications):</b> staff considering how best to progress this.	AC
91/16	<b>Action Sheet (64/16):</b> Pen portraits are now on Wiki. It was agreed that they could be used as an example of practice by BoT.	
92/16	<b>Action Sheet (67/16):</b> Circulation of skills analysis results – AC to follow-up on this with Victoria.	AC
93/16	<b>Action Sheet (67/16) (50/50 by 2020):</b> A number of issues were raised in regard to how to progress on this issue. There was discussion on sending out a communication to members stressing the need for a wider representation on WCEC and asking for expressions of interest or reasons why people were unwilling to come forward. The idea of setting a fixed target (such as 25%) by 2018 was raised. The idea of using focus groups was raised. A proposal to join Chwarae Teg for one year was agreed (5 for; 3 against; 1 abstention) and AN is to carry this forward. It was also agreed that this issue needs to be in the Business Plan 2016/17.	AN AC
94/16	<b>Action Sheet (70/16):</b> WCEC Targets for 2016/17 – not progressed.	
95/16	<b>Action Sheet (75/16):</b> MG reported that BMC Cymru had been informed that SW was RC representative.	
96/16	<b>Action Sheet (76/16) (Wales Coast Path):</b> AC reported that issue of National Trail status was discussed at Rights of Way Access Committee (RWAC) and had subsequently been raised with NRW and with WG. DD raised the question of meetings of RWAC being reported back to WCEC. MG agreed to take responsibility for this.	MG
97/16	<b>Action Sheet (4/16 &amp; 5/16) (Volunteer work at Ty'n Cornel):</b> MG reported that a	

	request is being sent out to Areas and Groups next week.	
98/16	<b>Office budget:</b> AC agreed to set up video conference so that WCEC could approve the budget for 2016/17.	AC
99/16	<b>Areas and Groups Budget:</b> JC reported that this was in hand and expected to circulate the details by 1st September.	JC
100/16	<b>WC &amp; WCEC Budget:</b> JC proposed a budget of £8.8K for 2016/17. This was agreed unanimously.	JC
101/16	<b>Business Plan 2014-16:</b> AC gave a verbal update. A report how to fund LWC in the future and how the work should be delivered has been sent to WG. A question on the push by cyclists for conversion of PRoW footpaths into shared use paths was raised.	
102/18	<b>Wales Environment Link (WEL):</b> A paper by RB on the question of whether to rejoin WEL was discussed. It was unanimously agreed not to.	
103/18	<b>Cambrian Way Working Group:</b> A report from CWWG and minutes from their last meeting were approved.	
104/18	<b>Representative on Mountain Training Cymru (MTC):</b> DD reported that David Allinson had been in contact to state that the organisation was now a limited company and that he was a Trustee for the period 2014-17. He queried the role that AC would have in attending Board meetings. DD asked to write again to Bryn Williams of Mountain Training Cymru to clarify the situation.	DD
105/16	<b>WC2017:</b> (i) GA reported that Stackpole Court would ask at some point for a 20% deposit; this was noted. He suggest that the Chief Executive of the Pembrokeshire National park would be a suitable speaker for the dinner and this was agreed. He proposed that we book rooms at the Travelodge and it was agreed that nine rooms at the flexible rate should be provisionally booked in case they were needed. (ii) AC reported that a member of staff would be available to help with administration in the autumn. (iii) It was agreed that the membership should be consulted on ideas for workshops and that there should be a clear link to the objectives of BP2016/17.	GA  AC
106/16	<b>WC2018:</b> AN reported that he had approached Tan y Bwlch as a potential location and it was agreed that it sounded very suitable. It was agreed that North Wales Area needed to be asked if they would host the event.	AN
107/16	<b>Big Pathwatch:</b> AC reported that the new app for Big Pathwatch was now live. The report on the Big Pathwatch results would be launched at an event on 16 <sup>th</sup> July and then at the Royal Welsh show.	
108/16	<b>Vision and Strategic Framework document:</b> the text of the document was approved (nem con). The document will be circulated by the beginning of August for comments on style and layout ready for its submission to BoT in September.	AC
109/16	<b>Business Plan 2016-17:</b> the plan and associated staffing structure paper were discussed. Points stressed were the importance of communicating with members and the value of volunteering for social reasons and for the satisfaction it gives. The absence of any mention of work towards a bilingual member of staff in the northern half of Wales was raised. AC stressed that a business case for such a person was needed and that she believed it was WCEC's responsibility. MG agreed to sound out Areas and Groups in the northern half of Wales on how they want to proceed. The staffing proposals for the plan set out in AC's paper were approved (unanimously). AC confirmed that after the end of this business plan RC will adopt a three-year cycle which will then be in sync with Ramblers GB and Ramblers Scotland cycles.	MG

110/16	<b>AOB(i):</b> SL suggested that a card with bullet points of what RC does apart from leading walks would be a useful way of explaining the importance of our work to non-members.	
111/16	<b>AOB(ii):</b> CH informed the meeting that Ceredigion was exploring the possibility of hosting GC2018.	
112/16	<b>AOB(iii):</b> DG explained the procedure for selecting a new CEO. Applications needed to be submitted by 11 <sup>th</sup> July and there would be a shortlist for interview at end of July. Even if someone was appointed straight-away, contract commitments would mean that November would be the likely starting date for any appointee.	
113/16	<b>Date and venue of next meeting:</b> agreed that it should be held 24 <sup>th</sup> September at the Cardiff Office.	DD
	Signed...Alan Norton.....(Chairman)..... 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2016.....(date)	