

Summary of

WELSH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

meeting held on Monday 28th September 2015

at Gateway Centre, Shrewsbury

Present

Members – Denis McAteer (President), 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

Staff – Angela Charlton

Guests – Keith Donovan (Chair, Greater Gwent Area), Nicky Philpott (Director of Advocacy and Engagement, Ramblers GB)

Apologies – Ron Williams, Jo Slattery, Alan Austen

Discussions

1. The committee discussed the Vision for Ramblers Cymru that is being developed. The document reflects a clear desire to reach out and engage new audiences and members and volunteers are vital to this. In light of this interest was raised around how Ramblers Cymru will look and feel amongst the membership, taking into account Ramblers Cymru's partnership development work and links into GB-wide strategies.

2. The Director of Advocacy and Engagement gave a presentation on the Big Pathwatch to date. WCEC plan to increase the reach of the Big Pathwatch in Wales by asking areas and groups to all survey the sample squares in their area, suggesting a co-ordinated effort in the first week of December.

3. The committee reviewed the 2015/16 business plan, which is all going the right direction.

4. A Scramblers project report will be ready in time for the next WCEC meeting in November.

5. The committee discussed Big Welsh Walk 2016 and the opportunity to link into a challenge as part of Wales' "Year of adventure" 2016. This is being worked into a plan by Ramblers staff. Regrettably further internal discussion is needed before plans can be made public but areas and groups will be updated as soon as this is possible.