

WELSH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
APRIL 2011
Minutes of WCEC meeting held on Saturday April 2nd 2011
After Welsh Council at Cross Keys Rugby Club

PRESENT

44/11 **Members** - Richard Lloyd Jones (President)(part), Denis McAteer (Chair), **Actions**
Alan Austin (vice Chair), Gwyn Lewis (vice Chair), John Cook (Treasurer),
Max Grant (sec), David Allison, Vernon Davies, Chris Hodgson, Maggie
Thomas

Visitors – Helen Lloyd Jones (part), Rob Hanna (part)

4/511 **Apologies** – There were no apologies as all were present

46/11 The Chair welcomed the new member of WCEC, Maggie Thomas.

47/11 The Chair suggested that the retiring Vice President Alex Marshall should receive an **open invitation** to future WCEC meetings. This was agreed unanimously.

48/11 **Dates of WCEC meetings** for the coming year were discussed. It was agreed that suggested dates for four meetings be circulated by MG for agreement, in May, September, December and February. **MG**

49/11 The **Bank Mandate** was considered and the following was agreed
At the meeting of the Ramblers Cymru Welsh Council Executive Committee on 2nd April 2011 it was resolved that:

- i. Unity Trust Bank (“the Bank”) shall continue to act as Bankers for the Welsh Council Executive account which is called “The Ramblers’ Association (LW4) Welsh Council –CTC Cyngor RCN 109” (sic)
- ii. The Bank’s terms and conditions were produced at the meeting.
- iii. This mandate for the operation of the bank account payment instructions and banking services is provided to the Bank and that amendments to the Mandate may be provided by any Committee member, Director or Trustee or any other officer of the organisation who is notified to the Bank as being authorised by the Committee to do so;
- iv. The Bank is entitled to rely upon this mandate until it receives a later Mandate amending it;
- v. The Bank will be notified in writing of any change in Committee members/ Directors/ Trustees of the organisation.

The Chair proposed and it was agreed that the following names be included

- in the bank mandate: John Cook (Treasurer), Denis McAteer (Chair), Alan Austin (vice Chair) Gwyn Lewis (vice Chair)
Relevant papers to be circulated for signatures and details by the Secretary MG
- 50/11 **Other dates** were noted at which WCEC members will be asked to attend – **National Eisteddfod** which is at Wrexham this year from 30.07.11 – 6.08.11. DA has arranged volunteers from North Wales Area to organise. DA
- 51/11 **Hay Festival** – It may be too late to organise walks as previous years, but the Chair would contact the new Community Engagement Officer Gwenda Owen to see whether she can look into the possibilities of Ramblers Cymru input at the festival. DMcA
- 52/11 **Royal Welsh Show** – it was agreed that Ramblers Cymru would not have a formal presence this year.
- 53/11 A copy of the **induction pack and procedure** was handed to Maggie Thomas as a new WCEC member. As Maggie was a previous member, she was asked whether any of the documents were required. MT
- 54/11 Actions from **motions at Welsh Council 2011** – **Framework powers for Marine and Coastal Access Act** – it was agreed that this should go on the agenda for the next WCEC meeting. MG
- 55/11 **Revisions to constitution** – as these were minor regarding Vice Presidents, and there would be major changes next year due to the implementation of the new MofA, it was agreed that this would not be passed to the Board of Trustees for ratification.
- 56/11 **New Memorandum of Authority – the new financial position** of Ramblers Cymru was discussed. It was hoped that the new MofA just approved by Welsh Council would also be approved by the Board of Trustees. (A report on the Devolution Working Party has been distributed to General Council 2011 members.)
In the MofA core funding would be provided to Ramblers Cymru which includes costs for staff, Cardiff office, WCEC and funds to Areas and Groups. This funding is nearly agreed, but will require formal approval by the Board of Trustees, and should start from 1st October 2011. This will be managed by Director Wales (when in post) with reports to WCEC.
It was agreed to agenda this for the next WCEC meeting. MG
- 57/11 As **Rob Hanna** had resigned with immediate effect as requested by the Chief Executive, it was agreed to invite Rob to this meeting to discuss and agree a handover oh his current priority work. RH confirmed that he is a member of the Ramblers.
In order to assist in this handover the Chair was requested to talk to the CEO and request Rob's laptop be returned to him so that communications can continue with our stakeholders. DMcA
The purchase of a smart phone had been covered at the WCEC meeting pre Welsh Council.

- 58/11 **Glastir** – RH agreed to continue his work on behalf of Ramblers Cymru as a volunteer with expenses paid by Ramblers Cymru. This was particularly important as there is a meeting soon with the Director General and CNP to discuss access details of the Glastir scheme. It was agreed to see if a volunteer could also attend this meeting. MG
- 59/11 **Wales Coast Path marketing sub group** - RH agreed to continue his work on behalf of Ramblers Cymru as a volunteer with expenses paid by Ramblers Cymru. There is a meeting next week which RH will attend. It was agreed to see whether Andrew Morgan can also assist. DMcA
- 60/11 **Cultivate** – it was agreed that RH would continue to represent Ramblers Cymru as a volunteer, especially as WAG has accepted this as policy.
- 61/11 **Ordnance Survey pilot on PRow digital capture** - RH agreed to continue his work on behalf of Ramblers Cymru as a volunteer with expenses paid by Ramblers Cymru.
- 62/11 **LANTRA** - RH agreed to continue his contacts with LANTRA on behalf of Ramblers Cymru as a volunteer with expenses paid by Ramblers Cymru.
- 63/11 Election of member of the Welsh Council Executive Committee to be an “**ex-officio**” **member of the Board of Trustees**.(clause 9.7 of constitution) – the Chair was nominated and elected.
- 64/11 Election of a **representative** of the Welsh Council Executive Committee to attend **General Council**. (clause 9.8 of constitution) – it was too late to elect a representative for GC 2011, so there was no election
- 65/11 Fill any **places on WCEC** still being vacant following the AGM (clause 9.3 of constitution) – there was one vacancy as there were only 4 nominations for 5 vacancies.
There was a proposal to coopt Rob Hanna to WCEC but there was no support for this proposal.
It was agreed that GL would approach Diane Davies to see whether she was willing to become a WCEC member as she had previously expressed an interest in the role. GL
- 66/11 Any Other Business – JC requested that all applications for expenses for All WC be sent to him as soon as possible.

Signed.....(Chairman).....(date)