

WELSH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 2012

Minutes of extra WCEC meeting held on Thursday 29th March 2012 By TELECONFERENCE

	Actions	
26/12	PRESENT Members - Denis McAteer (Chair), Alan Austin (vice Chair), Gwyn Lewis (vice Chair), Max Grant (Hon Secretary), David Allison, Diane Davies, Vernon Davies,	
27/12	Apologies –Chris Hodgson, John Cook (Treasurer),	
28/12	The Chair welcomed all to the teleconference, and explained that we would be discussing items for the forthcoming Welsh Council on 31 st March 2012.	
29/12	Constitutional motions 1 – 5 All were agreed as per the schedule.	
30/12	Non constitutional motions. These had been re ordered from the paper distributed to delegates, and included one suggested amendment for WCEC.	
31/12	1 Completion of Wales Coast Path – agreed that WCEC would support	
32/12	2 Funding to Groups and Areas – agreed that WCEC does not support as funding should be by budgeted requests. AA to speak for WCEC.	AA
33/12	3 Ten year review of CROW maps – MG to propose on behalf of WCEC, VD to formally second.	MG VD
34/12	4 Review of TAN 8 – agreed that WCEC would support with an amendment to add in after “review” the words “by the Welsh Government”. DD agreed to propose amendment.	DD
35/12	5 Onshore wind energy – the suggested simplified amendment was not agreed. A different amendment was suggested – amend “reflect” to “include”. Agreed to put this to the proposer of the motion.	MG
36/12	6 Wind turbine projects – there was no consensus on the motion. There were arguments against, regarding the fact that current Ramblers Cymru policy is that all planning applications are dealt with on a local basis, and that these should not therefore be taken to WC, especially as the full facts for and against could not be sufficiently debated. There were arguments for the motion, as many were aware of the issues and did oppose the project.	

- 37/12 **7 WCEC meeting procedures –**
This motion is probably constitutional, but if so, it was out of time when received at Cardiff. It was agreed that we still debate it, and if passed then formally present at WC 2013.
It was agreed to oppose this motion. This had previously been debated at the last WCEC meeting, and changes made to the format of the agenda similar to that of the Board of Trustees. MG to speak for WCEC. MG
- 38/12 **8 President of Ramblers Cymru –** all agreed not to support. AM to be asked to speak on behalf of WCEC. AM
- 39/12 **Minutes of WC 2011 –** as draft 2 had been issued to delegates it was agreed to present these at WC 2012.
- 40/12 The **annotated agenda** for WC 2012 (draft 7) was discussed.
- 41/12 **Introduction by the Chair** would include 1 minute's silence for Tony Drake. A tribute would be included in the President's address.
- 42/12 AM has agreed to explain the **election procedure**.
- 43/12 **Election of officers –** secretary to be honorary secretary
- 44/12 **Auditor –** VD to propose, GL to formally second. VD GL
- 45/12 **Representatives for Allied Bodies –** to check whether BBNP has one or two forums. MG
- 46/12 **Voting cards** are needed for voting on motions. MG to check with Ceri Thomas. MG
- 47/12 **Welsh Council 2013 –** probably 30th March at Kidwelly Community Centre.

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

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BEFORE Welsh Council at Glyndwr University, Wrexham

PRESENT

- 37/12 **Members** – Jane Davidson (President), Denis McAteer (Chair), Alan Austin (vice Chair), Gwyn Lewis (vice Chair), John Cook (Treasurer), Max Grant (Hon Sec), Vernon Davies, Diane Davies, Chris Hodgson, David Allison **Actions**
- 38/12 **Staff** – Benedict Southworth, Angela Charlton,
- 39/12 Apologies for absence for WC 2012 – Jonathan Kipling, Alex Marshall, David Jones.
- 40/12 Tellers would be Helen Bradley & Margaret Fearnley
Scrutineers would be Paul Davies, Anne Cooper,
- 41/12 Election procedure – MG to speak as AM not attending.
- 42/12 President’s address – to include eulogy to Tony Drake
- 43/12 Election of officers – none is contested. Voting to be separate for president, vice presidents, chair, vice chairs, treasurer, hon secretary.
- 44/12 Auditor proposed by VD, seconded by GL
- 45/12 Review of 2011 motions – DMcA to do PowerPoint presentation on new Memorandum of Authority.
- 46/12 Non constitutional motions – position of WCEC was discussed (previously agreed at Teleconference 29th March) now that all members were present.
- 47/12 2 Funding to Areas and Groups – no consensus but AA would speak on use of budgets.
8 President – DD to speak on behalf of WCEC in lieu of AM
- 48/12 Rodney Whittaker to give short address before President’s closing remarks.

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

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- 49/12 **Members** – Jane Davidson (President), Denis McAteer (Chair), Alan Austin (vice Chair), Gwyn Lewis (vice Chair), John Cook (Treasurer), Max Grant (Hon Sec), Vernon Davies, Diane Davies, Maggie Thomas, Ron Williams **Actions**
- 50/12 **Staff** – Benedict Southworth, Angela Charlton,
- 51/12 **Apologies** – Chris Hodgson
- 52/12 The Chair welcomed the **new members of WCEC**, Maggie Thomas and Ron Williams.
- 53/12 The Chair announced that due to family commitments he would be standing down once the Wales Coast Path has been launched, and that the Devolution Agreements have been finalised.
- 54/12 **Dates of WCEC meetings** for the coming year were discussed. It was agreed that the next meeting would be on 14th May 2012 in Cardiff, where other dates for the year would be agreed. **MG**
- 55/12 The **Bank Mandate** was considered and the following was agreed
At the meeting of the Ramblers Cymru Welsh Council Executive Committee on 31st March 2012 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;

The Bank will be notified in writing of any change in Committee members/ Directors/ Trustees of the organisation.

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- 56/12 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)
As these signatories are the same as current, there is no need for any papers to be circulated for signatures.
- 57/12 **Other dates** were noted at which WCEC members will be asked to attend – **National Eisteddfod** which is at Bridgend this year from 4.08.12 – 11.08.12.
- 58/12 **Hay Festival** – AC agreed to look at engaging local Groups in assisting with led walks at the Hay Festival in May. AC
- 59/12 **Royal Welsh Show** – it was agreed that Ramblers Cymru would not have a formal presence this year.
- 60/12 As the two new members of WCEC had been previous members, they would not require a formal **induction** pack. MG would ensure that any relevant new documentation would be passed to MT and RW. MG
- 61/12 Actions from **motions at Welsh Council 2012** – **Revisions to constitution** – MG agreed to draft the new constitution and Standing Orders as per the resolutions passed at WC 2012. This would be circulated for discussion at the next WCEC and passed to the Board of Trustees for ratification. MG
- 62/12 **Non constitutional motions** – it was agreed that AC would look at the motions passed at WC 2012, and put forward proposals on how best to take them forward. AC
- 63/12 Debate on the motion number 5 had been cut short due to time constraints, but was voted on and passed. Also **four motions had been remitted numbers 4, 6, 7 & 8** to WCEC as time ran out to debate them. It was agreed that the proposers of these motions (Powys Area, Ceredigion Area, Aberystwyth Group, and Dinefwr Group) and all other delegates, would be contacted to inform them that ways of addressing these motions are being urgently considered. AC All
- 64/12 Election of member of the Welsh Council Executive Committee to be an “**ex-officio**” **member of the Board of Trustees** – the Chair was nominated and elected. DMcA
- 65/12 Election of a **representative** of the Welsh Council Executive Committee to attend **General Council** – it was too late to elect a representative for GC 2012, so there was no election
- 66/12 Election of member of a volunteer to be a **member of the Legal Fund Committee** – the current member Gwyn Lewis was elected. GL

- 67/12 Election of 2 members of the Welsh Council Executive Committee to be **members of the Constituent Parts Committee** – the current members Denis McAteer and Max Grant were elected. DMcA
MG
- 68/12 Fill any **places on WCEC** still being vacant following the AGM – there were no vacancies to fill.
- 69/12 Any Other Business –
There was discussion on using the **Ramblers Cymru Legal Fund** to obtain expert advice to assist Groups and Areas in their responses to planning applications so that the landscapes could be protected. It was agreed that BS and AC would agree a suitable form of words to go to those Groups and Areas which are currently affected by major planning applications. AC BS

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