



Minutes of the Coetir Mynydd Annual General Meeting 2021

Friday 4th March 2022, 19:00 In Neuadd Goffa, Mynydd Llandygai

Present at the meeting: Maggie Adam, Chris Allen, Siân Turner, Mike Vitkovitch, Fay Harris, Jenny Wong, Gabe Wyn, Nick Pipe, Jean Williams, John Spill

The meeting was chaired by Gabe Wyn

No.	Item	Notes
1	Apologies	Apologies for non-attendance were received from: Bryan Dickinson, Bryn Harris, Lyn Coulsting, Tim Radford, Andy Weetman, John Turner
2	Minutes of the last meeting	The Minutes of the last meeting (8 March 2021) had been prepared shortly after the last meeting but I an oversight had not been circulated nor had copies been brought to this meeting. Both the Minutes for the 2020 and 2021 AGM will be circulated in the next few weeks.
3	Annual report	<p>Jenny presented the Annual report as a slide show. A number of suggestions and resolutions were made in connections with matters arising from the Annual report.</p> <p>Biodiversity: suggested that it might be possible to ask people in village to repeat the counts made in the Garden Bird Watch at other times of the year. Could maybe ask people to keep a record of species they see over the year to compare with the checklist for the village collated around ten years ago.</p> <p>Native tree seed collection: Agreed to organise collection of seed for sale this year.</p> <p>Coed y Parc dam: tell tales need to be fitted to dam.</p> <p>Parc y Bwlch: NRW Operations team to be contacted to arrange date for annual on-site consultation event promised in the report of the consultation on the Forest Resources Plan conducted in 2021.</p> <p>Galedffrwd hydro: options to lease to be signed.</p> <p>Footpath: a longer presentation on the footpath than in the Annual report. The slides accompanying this presentation are in the pdf file accompanying these Minutes.</p>

		<p>Agreed that footpath repairs are needed, suggested that it might be possible to apply for some funding from Elusen Ogwen – next closing date for applications is the 31 March. Could also ask for donations of materials from local businesses. In connection with the Slate Trail continuing to push for the trail to go through the woodlands there was some dismay that they apparently wish to go against the wishes of the community.</p> <p>Mike pointed out the advantages in terms of rights to close footpath, retention of responsibility to maintain surface and access to grant funding of registering the footpath with Gwynedd Council under Section 31 of the Highways Act.</p> <p>Unanimous vote to register permissive section of footpath in Parc yr Ocar.</p> <p>In connection with the damage being done in Parc yr Ocar from increasing access in wet conditions Jenny asked if it might be possible to close the area during the winter or when it is wet. The meeting agreed this should be possible and the majority of people would likely respect the closure which would reduce use and allow the area to recover and to protect ground nesting birds. Notices should be prepared and placed on gate backed with messages on Facebook page.</p> <p>Jenny closed by pointing out that there is a difficult trade-off to be made with increasing public access.</p>
4	Treasurer's report	<p>The financial report for 1/11/2020 to 31/10/2021 was made available. Bryan gave apologies for not being able to present report in person and asked that members are reminded that subscriptions are due.</p> <p>There were a few clarifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • income from seed sale fell just after the end of the financial year so will appear in 2022 accounts, • payment for dam registration will likewise appear in 2022 accounts. <p>Mike Vitkovitch pointed out that if the path becomes a public footpath it would lose grant funding.</p> <p>Acceptance of report proposed: Gabe Wyn; seconded Chris Allen</p>
5	Election of the Board	<p>Following the Rules, the current board stood down and can stand for re-election.</p> <p>Bryan has relayed that he has been Treasurer for 8 years and wishes to stand down. In the absence of a someone coming forward at the AGM he is willing to serve for a further year but will step down at the 2023 AGM. Jenny said she would also like to stand down in 2023 as this will mark 20 years as Secretary.</p> <p>The current board was unanimously re-elected (Gwen Griffith, Jenny Wong, Bryan Dickinson, Gabe Wyn, Mike Vitkovitch, Martin Daws, Lynn Coulsting and Sharon Sweeny)</p> <p>The need to recruit new members to run projects and serve on the Board was discussed and several ideas proposed including holding events, speaking to people directly and revitalising website and making use of Facebook group.</p>
6	Forward plans	Registration of permissive footpath

		Undertake footpath repairs and maintenance Plan for tree seed collection Biodiversity events (bird monitoring activities were suggested)
7	AOB	No issues were raised.
8	Close	The meeting closed at 8:45 pm