

Committee Meeting Wednesday 21st Jan 2015

Held at Bryn Village Hall 6:30pm

Present

Graham Rowland (Chair), Paul Bulmer (Treasurer) Dafydd Bowen (Chair of Historical Society), Peter Phillips (Web Master), Dianne Thomas, John Thomas, Michelle Jones.

Apologies

Sue Phillips, Val Merriman, Tim Richards.

Chairman's Report

Graham thanked everyone for attending and wished them a Happy New Year. He commented on the poor turnout at the Christmas Event although there was a good turnout when Santa visited the top part of the village. Graham commented on another busy year ahead with the races coming up and expected an even greater turnout than last year. He commented on the school and community centre closures and said we would discuss these issues later in the agenda.

Graham gave a big thank you to the committee and officials for supporting him in running BRAG and the many BRAG activities over the last year.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were recorded by Val for the first half but since she had to leave early, Rebecca recorded the second half. Val had submitted her minutes which Paul Bulmer read out to the meeting. Paul will stitch the two halves together when he gets the minutes from Rebecca. It was agreed that although a reserve level of £10k had been quoted by the solicitor, it had been agreed in the last meeting that a target reserve of £5k was more realistic and that the minutes would be amended to state this.

Matters Arising

Paul confirmed he had completed all his actions from the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Paul presented his report and tabled supporting documents. The report is included in appendix 1.

Historical Society Chairs Report

Dafydd gave an update to the committee on calendar sales to date. He reported that we have covered our costs and any further sales will now be profit. He is still awaiting the return of money from the sale of calendars by others and the return of any unsold calendars. He holds a detailed list of who has sold what.

Graham asked about a possible historical presentation on Neath Canals. The committee members present all expressed interest in this. Dafydd agreed to follow up on this.

Review of Christmas event.

Paul suggested we should plan the next one earlier to give us better options on available dates.

Minutes of BRAG meeting Thursday May 12th

Apologies received from both Michelle's and Val.

Graham welcomed everyone, informed us that Karen and her husband had left the committee and read out the last minutes.

These minutes were proposed by John and seconded by Diane.

Graham said that the Run was almost upon us, lots of help required on the day. The route on the nature walk has been cleared, with waymark posts donated and its being widely used by the village.

No "Matters Arising" as all actions have been completed.

Treasurer's Report

Paul gave a detailed report. Cheque has been sent to the surveyor and the legal fees have also been paid.

Paul has approached the lottery for funding for future projects but they need evidence of what the people of Bryn want. The question was asked, how would we do this?

Discussion took place over the fact that if the school closes, there will be nothing for the nursery children; also what would happen to the trim trail which was a result of a 60k lottery fund? There is an outside building which Western Logs contributed too & the memorial garden for Justin is also in school.

Diane been speaking to Stephen Kinnock to see if he can help and also asked Julie Moore to look at the deeds of the school land as it was George Patterson who had given the land to the village,

Historical Society

Daf has given in £856 from the Calendar sales. Daf hasn't arranged another historical talk, due to the lack of people that attend & its embarrassing in front of the speaker. Daf thinking of giving up this post and suggested asking Mandy Miller.

Mugger Project

It has been decided to leave the painting until after the run event. The facilities are regularly being used by the children. After all the bills are paid, the edging will need to be sorted, and possibly purchase a bench for the adults to sit on and a light.

John asked what were we going to do to celebrate the opening of the mugger, as this had been included in the lottery money.

Graham said the run will be a fixed event, funding from the run is paying for the insurance of the mugger and possibly the flooring could be re painted every two years.

Committee Meeting July 9th **Bryn Village Hall 6 30pm**

Present:- Graham, Paul, John, Dianne, Dafydd, Gaynor, Gareth, Jenet, David, Val
Apologies:- Sue Phillips

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chairman's Report

There had been a meeting at the school the previous day. It is sad to see its closure. What are the prospects? Graham and Paul have asked for support to maintain the trim trail and have requested the dram is sited on the heritage site/picnic area. What will happen to the outdoor classroom and the bell, as the bell is historical? Dean Heycock is available to help with transport.

Minutes of last meeting & Matters arising

John proposed that these be accepted.

Discussion took place as to who owns the land on which the school is built. It was suggested that this be checked with the Land Registry. **DT**

Treasurer's Report

There has been additional income - TOTAL Building Control has given their fees back to BRAG as a donation to the tennis court project. Paul then circulated the report.

Historical Society Report

Dafydd outlined the plans for the re-siting of the dram. He has been in touch with Dean and Martyn about the outdoor classroom also.

Tennis Court Project & Official Opening

Proposed date - August 15th.

DJ is booked. Burgers and Hot dogs to be sold. Dafydd will speak to Ryan. Official invites to go out to Ward Councillors, AM and MP and Mark Dummer.

Suggestion to have a skateboard demonstration. Graham will sort this. Howard Daniel mentioned as a professional tennis coach.

Gareth suggested applying to SportLot for equipment. Bowling green to be fenced off on the day.

Heritage Trail

Markers are to be put up along the old shunting track and lots of people are using it. There will be a signpost for the walk.

Leases relating to the village

Leases have been signed for the Village Hall, Tennis Courts, Bowls and Rugby Club. It was requested that copies be posted on the BRAG website, so need to contact the relevant people from each organisation.

Review of Licence and operation of Village Hall

This was planned for 3 months after the takeover. There are a few problems which still need sorting out.

The path has been repaired by the council. The kitchen is due for a deep clean. Ask

Treasures Report

BRAG 09/07/15

Funds

The accounts have been updated up to the end of June.

A summary of financial activity since my last report is:

- *Income from Bryn Beast*
- *Donation from Total Building Control*
- *Expenditure on consumables for maintenance of picnic area, walk and tennis courts as agreed in the last meeting.*

The accounts summary will be tabled in the meeting.

Tennis Courts Project Accounts

The accounts summary will be tabled in the meeting. This shows £ £67,014.48 received from grant to date and £ £67,014.48 paid to suppliers.

We are still to obtain competitive quotes for the repair of subsidence to the tennis court. John had progressed this with a number of builders without success. Mark Drummond has now offered to obtain quotes for this work on behalf of BRAG.

The transaction since last meeting included payments for surveyor fees. We have also now had a final invoice from SutcliffPlay which has been submitted to the Big Lottery for approval.

The opening of the facilities agreed in outline for 15th Aug. John will present his plans on this.

Funding Options

As stated in my last two reports, the first requirement would be clear evidence from the residents of Bryn as to what they would like to see. This would need to be established before we could proceed further with this application.

Treasures Report

BRAG 24/09/15

Funds

The accounts have been updated up to the end of August.

A summary of financial activity since my last report is:

- Purchase of weed killer for Tennis courts
- Hire of hall for BRAG committee meeting on 9/7/15
- Tennis Court official opening Black Mountain Falconry
- Tennis Court official opening Pick A Mix Entertainment
- Tennis Court official opening food refreshments & decorations
- Big lottery payment for tennis court official opening

The accounts summary will be tabled in the meeting.

Tennis Courts Project Accounts

The accounts summary will be tabled in the meeting. This shows £73,489.68 received from grant to date and £73,489.68 paid to suppliers.

We have now obtained competitive quotes for the repair of subsidence to the tennis court. John had progressed this with a number of builders without success. Mark Drummond had offered to obtain quotes for this work on behalf of BRAG but also had no success. After lots of chasing of potential contractors John has now obtained the three quotes required, submitted these to the Big Lottery and had approval to progress the work.

The transaction since last meeting was a final payment to SutcliffPlay and payment to BRAG for the official opening. We have some money left to organise coaching and possibly set up a football area in the tennis court for winter months.

The opening of the facilities on 15th Aug. went very well as detailed in the Newsletter.

Funding Options

As stated in my last three reports, the first requirement would be clear evidence from the residents of Bryn as to what they would like to see. This would need to be established before we could proceed further with this application.

Stephen Kinnock has been asked for advice on obtaining Coal Regeneration Grants. Graham has sent me some details on a Rural Community Development Fund.

Licence Agreements

As requested in past minutes, the licence agreements for the recreation area (Tennis Courts) and the community centre have now been placed on the Bryn Village website. The other licences related to the village still need to be scanned and put up on to the website.

Treasures Report

BRAG 24/09/15

Funds

The accounts have been updated up to the end of October with the Halloween event details.

A summary of financial activity since my last report is:

Date	Item	Income	Expenditure	Balance
25-09-15	Income from Tennis Courts Opening Day Raffle	£62.60		£5,018.92
25-09-15	Donation to BRAG from Bryn Beast	£200.00		£5,218.92
28-10-15	Paid for hire of hall on 24 Sep 15 for BRAG Meeting		£10.00	£5,208.92
28-10-15	Daley's Disco for Halloween Party		£150.00	£5,058.92
28-10-15	Raffle Sales at Halloween Party	£103.00		£5,161.92
28-10-15	Sale of hot dogs at Halloween Party	£51.75		£5,213.67

This shows that the accounts broke even for the Halloween event although these do not show the donations from Tesco and BRAG committee members that were used to purchase prizes and other items used to deliver this event.

The event was acknowledged as a big success and so with agreement from the Rugby Club, BRAG would look to repeat this next year. The BRAG Halloween decorations were left with the Rugby Club for use next year.

All accounts can be made available by the treasurer on request.

Tennis Courts Project Accounts

The accounts summary has changed since the last meeting to cover the cost of repairs at £1250, to the tennis courts. This shows a change from £73,489.68 to £74,739.68 received from grant to date and £74,739.68 paid to suppliers.

Interest in skateboard and tennis coaching was requested in the last newsletter and this is to be recorded by Dianne Thomas.

The Big Lottery has offered to fund the relocation of the school Trim Trial if the Council will agree to this. Dianne is progressing with the council.

BRAG Computing Equipment

The laptop and iPads that had been on loan to the Bryn Primary School by BRAG have now been returned to BRAG by the council after persistent chasing by Dianne Thomas. It is proposed to the BRAG committee that this equipment could be used to set up a Bryn IT Club. Twelve people from the over 50s club have already registered their interest. It could also be mentioned in the next newsletter.

Funding Options

Paul has now attended three meetings with potential grant providers since the last committee meeting. He has started to progress the required form filling but these will need to be completed by all the BRAG trustees. As stated in my past reports, we will still need clear evidence from the residents of Bryn as to what they would like to see. This will need to be established before we can proceed further with these applications. The relevant Documents are to be tabled.

Stephen Kinnock has been asked for advice on obtaining Coal Regeneration Grants but still awaiting a reply.

Licence Agreements

As requested in past minutes, the licence agreements for the recreation area (Tennis Courts) and the community centre have now been placed on the Bryn Village website. The other licences related to the village still need to be scanned and put up on to the website. The lease for the Bryn Beast has been signed by the BRAG trustees and should be back with us soon.

Newsletter Printing

The following quotes have been obtained for the printing of future newsletters:

Printer	Printing	Turnaround	Delivery	Comments
Gunndeliveries	£50	3days	Free delivery	
4colourdigital	£60	2days	Collect from Port Talbot	
Labour Party	£30		Collect	No longer have a printer

Minutes of a BRAG Meeting held on Monday November 23rd 2015

At Bryn Village Hall

Paul in the chair with Daff, Diane, John , Gaynor ,Janet ,Peter and Sue.

Apologies received from Graham and Val.

Paul welcomed everyone and explained that Graham was sorting out accommodation.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Proposed by Daff and seconded by John.

XMAS EVENT

Gaynor will ask Brian to be Father Christmas. Gaynor suggested the selling of raffle tickets beforehand and agreed to take on this task. Raffle donations needed.

John wondered if the Club could sell any tickets for the event.

The committee agreed to stay neutral and use the Village Hall as the venue.

The following committee members were asked to do the following:

Diane to purchase mulled wine; Daff to see John Hill for mince pies; Sue to get sweets for the children ,selection boxes , tea and coffee; Peter to do photos ,@ cost of £1.50 to include selection box; Janet to run the kitchen ;John on the door; Paul – Santa’s transport ;Gaynor Community Bus ;Paul to ask Emma for an extension lead & Paul to be the main organiser.

Diane asked for more decoration for Santa’s grotto and all to meet early to decorate. Centre to be opened at 2pm.

Diane gave a full update on the situation regarding the **Trim Trail**.

Walking Group

This is to be put on hold.

Richard Burton Run

This was very well attended, with no problems to report. The presentation evening will probably be held at TATA. Members commented on the lack of atmosphere at the last presentation evening.

The School Bell

The Bell continues to be rung at The W.I. meetings and Over 50’s Club.

Treasurer’s Report

A full and detailed report was handed out by Paul and can be found on the website. Accounts have been updated to the end of October and include a donation to BRAG from the Beast run for £200.

No donation has been received from Ryan ; this is to be followed up.

Halloween

The night at the club was a huge success. The club have actually asked if the event can be held there every year!

Members discussed the possibility of the club's involvement with the run.

Tennis Court Project

Money from lottery now balances; No response has been received from tennis coaching helpers.

School Photographs

Nothing has been done regarding this at the moment.

Newsletter

Changes have been made with regard to some events.

Village Hall

There has been an improvement done with regards to the cleaning. But the male and female toilets need to be looked at.

A.O.B.

It was suggested that BRAG should have some kind of plaque made up for John Hill, to thank him for his very kind donations , possibly a photo of Beast of Bryn with TATA logo, Daff to look into this.

The School iPad's have been returned to BRAG.

Meeting closed at 9pm.
