

MINUTES OF BRAG MEETING HELD ON

MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 2017

IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BRYN

Present: Mr Paul Bulmer, Chair Mr Mark Dummer, Treasurer
Mr Daf Bowen, Trustee Mrs Gaynor Jones, Secretary
Mr Gareth Jones Mr Steve Hughes
Mr Martin FitzPatrick Mrs Val Merriman
Mr Neill Daniel Mrs Jennet Eckton
Mr David Eckton Mr Royden Rogers
Councillor David Whitelock

Apologies: Mrs Dianne Thomas, Trustee Mr John Thomas, Trustee
Mrs Sue Philips Mr Zak Dixon
Mr Shaun Tobin, Race Director – Richard Burton Race

Paul Bulmer, Chair of BRAG, opened the meeting at 7.05 p.m. and an around the table introduction was carried out so that all present were known to each other.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting were circulated around the table and Paul Bulmer asked if there was any feedback from them. There was no feedback. Daf Bowen proposed them as a true record and Paul Bulmer seconded them.

The School photos project is still ongoing and the proposed School reunion is still under consideration but is doubtful for circa St. David's Day. **ACTION – PAUL/PETER**

The proposed Heritage Walk is still on and more information will be provided in the Spring Issue of the BRAG Newsletter. **ACTION - PAUL**

No calendar photos were received in time for a 2016 Calendar but hopefully photos will be incoming for a 2017 Calendar – a good way of fundraising. **ACTION – ALL**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Halloween Party, held in the Rugby Club was well attended and was thoroughly enjoyed by the children but we did not make enough to cover the cost involved.

The Licence for the Trim Track, Football play area etc has been finalised with the Council and the installation of such has been completed by Dean Heycock. Feedback on the use of the facility is that it is very well used.

The Christmas Tree at the entrance to the Community was donated by Dean Heycock and gave a festive feel to the centre. The Christmas Show was well attended and the audience said they thought it was an excellent show and a really enjoyable evening. Costs were covered with the help of donations from local companies and the Welsh Arts Council.

The Bryn IT Club restarted in the first week of January. The Chair reported that there is still room for more members to join.

Funding for the Memorial Miner's project has been successful.

Role Training for the Trustees and Officials has been carried out and is now complete and all involved are aware of their duties. Draft policy documents, based on the role training, are being developed.

The 2016 Accounts have been finalised and are awaiting Audit.

Our New Treasurer, Mr Mark Dummer has been in his role since 1st January 2017.

Grants were applied for, to assist with BRAG Revenue costs, but unfortunately we were not successful. A grant to cover some New Activities Grant was also applied for and was successful.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial transactions for both the Halloween and Christmas events have been circulated to all members. Other costs include – Printing of the October & December newsletters at £50.00 each, extension to our insurance cover the Trim Track, until renewal in March, at £27.73, hire of the centre for the Gym, IT Club and BRAG Meetings £151.50. Incoming is £400.00 from the Richard Burton Race and £1,740 grant for the Miners Memorial Project.

IT CLUB

The Club has had 8 meetings and is held on a Tuesday at 2.00 p.m. in the Community Centre. A range of topics is discussed and has many advantages for its members. A grant application was successful, within which the cost of the newsletter printing has been agreed. A new router has been installed and new software had been obtained for the Club but will also be beneficial for BRAG use.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Steve Jenkins has been instrumental in the drawing up of plans for the placing of the Dram, formerly located in Bryn Primary School, in the leased site opposite the Royal Oak Pub. The submission of these plans is at a cost of £190 to BRAG. Daf Bowen is setting up talks, to be held in the Royal Oak

and The Rugby Club. His first talk will be with Mr Roy Meredith (a Maesteg resident) themed A Day in the Life of a Miner. Look out for more info in the newsletters. **ACTION – DAF BOWEN**

YOUTH SECTION ACTIVITIES

Paul Bulmer asked Dylan Morgan (Youth Section representative) for his feedback from the younger members of the Village. He reported that the basketball hoop is up and is being well used. All very happy with the way the Park is looking. The Music facility on the MUGA has been repaired, apparently it needed new batteries. John Thomas has asked for more information with regard to these batteries for future replacement. Paul said that if the MUGA wasn't working to get in touch with him. Obviously the youngsters would like to be more involved in the Gym and are hopeful that Patrick will come up with something. Dylan also said that they were very pleased that the Youth Club was to reopen in the near future. **ACTION – DYLAN/PAUL**

REPORT ON TENNIS COURT PROJECT & FUTURE PLANS

The Tennis Court project is complete. The Trim Track is in place so are the picnic benches. Solar lighting has been looked into and would be extremely expensive to install so not practical at the moment. BRAG is looking into installing lights on the Pavilion building. The Rugby Club hold the lease on the Pavilion and their representatives have said that they have no objection, in principle, to lights being erected on the building and it was agreed that this work should now be undertaken. They will take this back to a full Club meeting to agree the details of how this would operate. This was proposed by Paul Bulmer and seconded by Peter Phillips.

The requirement for full flood lighting for the football pitches was also discussed. It was suggested that a Working Group be set up to work on the requirements and funding of this project. Interest was shown by Neill Daniel, (Rob Kinsey), Football, Steve Hughes & Martin FitzPatrick, Bryn Rugby Club, Gareth Jones, Bowls, Paul Bulmer & Mark Dummer, BRAG and possibly Rob Thomas, Cricket.

INCREASING INTERACTION BETWEEN ALL BRYN VILLAGE GROUPS

The Group discussion at the meeting showed that all relevant sport group representatives are willing to meet together, form a committee and discuss the needs of all involved and make a proposal to cover not just lighting but all the other requirements of these groups such as new changing rooms. **ACTION - ALL**

RICHARD BURTON & BRYN BEAST RACE REPORT

Paul had a brief meeting with Shaun Tobin who apologised for his absence from this meeting. Paul outlined BRAG's concern regarding the Burton Race being organised under the BRAG charity number. Carys Mill and Shaun are having, and have had, discussions regarding the Burton Race being

organised under their own charity number. Paul also outlined that it is still possible to work together on any future runs. A race meeting is due to be held at the end of January 2017. Paul will get in touch with Shaun and ask him to inform Gaynor of the next meeting date for her to send out to all members. **ACTION – PAUL/GAYNOR**

A lot of interest was expressed in restarting the Bryn Beast although it was felt this would need to be in 2018 as there is insufficient time now for this year and many unknowns to address first.

NEWSLETTERS

Next issue of the BRAG Newsletter is due end of March. It has been suggested that the newsletter be used to focus on future events not those that have gone. We aim to produce six (6) per year. Although the costs for printing have been obtained through the IT Club grant, it was suggested that advertising or sponsorship be obtained to help.

Gaynor asked for help in delivering the newsletters. Offers came from: Steve Hughes, Dylan, Martin FitzPatrick & Royden Rogers. Val, Paul, Sue, Delyth, Dave & Jen Eckton and Gaynor & Gareth already doing it. **ACTION - GAYNOR**

LEASES RELATING TO THE VILLAGE

Paul announced that Peter Phillips has put all the relevant leases on the website pages for all to see. The Bowls lease has been returned to the Council and they are awaiting a new one in their new registered charity status. This will be added to the website when complete. Paul pointed out that all personal information is removed before going on the website. **ACTION – GAYNOR/GARETH/PETER**

BRYN VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

A new alarm has been fitted to the Village Hall. Operational instruction has been given to all key holders and new fobs have been issued.

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY FUN DAY

To ensure that all future village events are successful, it will be important for us to communicate our plans to all groups within the village. The first event that BRAG intends holding is the SUNDAY FUN DAY (tried three (3) times in 2016 to hold this event but failed due to bad weather). A working group has been suggested to make this a great village day. The Tennis coaching must be done as this is a condition of the BIG LOTTERY FUND grant, tuition in cricket, bowls, football, skateboarding, basketball and a tug of war are some of the ideas discussed. Perhaps Patrick can come along and

give a display of fitness. Paul has said that he will speak to Dianne to see if she can make contact with the Tennis Club again. **ACTION – PAUL/DIANNE**

HALLOWEEN – Discussions will be held in another meeting.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The keep fit sessions, held in the Community Centre on Monday & Thursday evenings (18:45) are continuing to be well attended.

The setting up of a Village Gym is well underway. Talks are being held with the Council and others. Equipment is needed and insurance cover needs to be sourced. Neill Daniel said that he would ask the Football Men if they would be prepared to hold a training session in the gym, perhaps once monthly as they do not want to lose their time slot at the Lido. Student Gym sessions at £2.50 per week and Adult at £5.00. **ACTION – NEILL DANIEL**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

March – date and time to be arranged.

Paul thanked all present for their time and closed the meeting at 8.30p.m.