

MINUTES OF B.R.A.G. COMMITTEE MEETING

**held at Bryn Village Hall
Thursday January 13th 2011**

Present:- Graham, Paul, Dafydd, Sue, Heather, Val, Steve, John

Apologies:- Viv, Luke, Lee

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Graham thanked everyone for their efforts with recent events. There are committed members involved and B.R.A.G. is now going from strength to strength. The work that has been done on both websites is tremendous and appreciation and thanks must be given to Peter, who has spent a lot of time on this, and also to Luke. There have been many compliments about the two websites.

Graham has spoken to a few people in senior management at TATA and is going to speak to retired employees about their memories of the war.

He also spent some time with the Co-operative Society. There is a grant of £2000 which can be applied for annually for community purposes.

Treasurer's Report

Accounts were presented up to 11/12/10

Money coming in from the sale of the calendars is very encouraging.

We can apply for a grant of £2000 from CVS.

The £1300 which we had from Big Lottery last year has been accounted for and Paul has provided them with receipts etc.

Paul has come up with a pro forma to be filled in to account for any fundraising income that comes in. It is to be signed by the person involved in the transaction and verified by Paul. An example of the form was circulated, and the meeting approved.

It was proposed and seconded that a debit card be applied for in order to make purchases on-line. This was approved by the meeting.

Proposed:- Heather Seconded:- Steve

Historical Society Report

There have been 3 talks this Autumn

Harriet Jones – Mining

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on March 10th

Present : Graham, Paul, John, Sue, Val, Lee, Luke, Dafydd

Also, Gail from Groundworks and Paul and Jenny from Biodiversity.

Apologies received from Shaun and Des.

Gail's report: First design draft of the History / Biodiversity Panel brought to us for confirmation. Information from our website had been used. Details of Bryn Tip's Industrial heritage are to be put on the panel to tell the story of the colliery. Also, the history of the actual site is to go on the panel which is to be erected near the seat. Total cost of a 4 x 2 panel is £1800.

Bryn Logo needed – Paul to send via email, together with any images of actual miners.

Gail still waiting for the council to say YES, but hopefully the project will be started within the next 6 weeks and completed before June 18th. Graham asked if this could be moved along more quickly, so that within the next month we could see a start of the project. Jenny and Paul will email Graham and Paul the details to proof read.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Chairman's Report:

Graham reported that he and Paul had given Dr Brian Gibbons a presentation of the Run, which had gone well.

Graham had seen men repairing the old railway line and sweepers around the village.

Treasurer's Report : No Report given .It will be updated by next meeting.

Historical Society Report :

Dafydd reported that Sally Roberts Jones will be our speaker on March 31st and Mr Viv Thomas will speak about a Thomas family from Maesteg on April 28th.

Dafydd will contact Eira from Port Talbot Historical Society and Heather Davies from Maesteg Historical Society to see if they would like to put a display together for June 18th.Dafydd will be taking our boards to the Maesteg display on Friday 18th March.

Update on the Run:

The Council and the Police had been quite helpful with regards to the road crossings, and had been up to see where these crossings would take place. Priority was to be given to the traffic.

Alan Dalglesh (head of security from Tata Steel) has offered his support, and that of his security guards, to the event. Also the works 4x4, which has a full medical kit plus oxygen, would be available to us for the day. (A date needs to be sorted for the security men to go on the route).

A letter had been sent to Michael Sheen to see if he is available on the day.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting

Held at Bryn Community Centre on 31/8/11

Chair Graham Rowlands. Paul, Dafydd, Steve, John, Heather and Sue present.

Apologies were received from Viv Gage.

Graham welcomed everyone, and thanked everyone for coming. It has been a long time since we had met, but there were lots going on behind the scenes!

Graham read the minutes of the last meeting and they were accepted.

Chairman's Report

- 1 The picnic area has been delayed until further funding can be found;
- 2 An AGM for the running event will be held shortly, to discuss the donation of the money made on the day;
- 3 Graham proposed a Halloween Disco be held at the community centre on Tuesday October 25th,

Sue to ask: - Bryn W.I., to move venues and ask Lisa Morgan for help to decorate the room.

Entry £1 to include a bag of sweets; extra drinks and sweets to be on sale and ducking apples/apples on a string to be charged at 10pence/try;

Donations for prizes needed and Sue to buy decorations and sweets;

- 4 Graham would like BRAG to organise a Christmas Pantomime for the village; possibly have the Maesteg Gleemen involved and Santa to visit the village, all on the same day.

Sue to ask, Peter Knowles if he has a panto contact.

(THE PANTOMINE: PETER PAN HAS SINCE BEEN BOOKED FOR SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH)

(ADULTS £ 2.50 CHILDREN / OAP £1.00)

- 5 Graham would like the proposed walks to start soon, but first permission is required off the forestry, after felling finishes in October;

Treasurer's Report

Balance in account £2513.03

Minutes of B.R.A.G. AGM held on Tuesday November 29th 2011

Chairman Graham welcomed everyone and outlined all the events that have taken place over the year. Graham also thanked all the committee members for their help and hard work over the year and confirmed that we have made a difference to the village.

Minutes of last year AGM were put on the screen.

These minutes were proposed by Val and seconded by John.

Matters Arising:

There is a delay in the approval with the local council over the planning for the picnic area and as a result we have lost the grant. Paul is currently trying to get this grant reinstated with a possibility of match funding with it being a small grant.

The 2012 LDP deadline has now been extended to 2014, but both Marion and David told us there was nothing to worry about, even though Mr Jeffries had been seen in the village.

Treasurer Report

Accounts had been audited. Balance of account is £1572.59. A full and detailed report was given by Paul and shown on the screen.

For all the grants, a full income / expenditure report was given and the balance was £1197 at the end of September.

Grants – capital equipment e.g. projector screen, computer etc.

Record of assets – lease of bits of land from council that we can develop, eg . if we apply for a grant we have to own by lease that piece of land, toilet block, land for skateboard area etc.

Viv Gange stated that we need to include a depreciation value into the income/ expenditure figure so that we could build up funds to replace eg the projector. Viv will help Paul to do this.

Daf asked for a total amount from the calendar sales - £1378 with the printing costs totalling £300. Paul said that this was the highest income generated by ourselves and the more we can raise will enable us to match fundraise.

The Year of B.R.A.G Achievements was shown on screen with Graham giving an account on each and every one of them.

Historical Society

An excellent talk had been given in November by Sally Roberts on Dic Penderyn, and four more talks are planned for after Xmas. Daf is off to the printers tomorrow with the photos for this year's calendar and to proof read what had already been done. 300 copies have been ordered to sell at £5 each.

No nominations received, so the current officers will remain the same.

Bwystfil y Bryn 2012 will be held on Saturday June 16th. Graham not sure as yet what funds Tata will be able to give us this year. Graham hopes to make it more of a carnival atmosphere next year. Some enquiries had already started to come through, with our website to be used for promoting the run, Hopefully bigger and better next year !!

The vandalism we encountered last year came to over £1000; the village raised £500 towards the repair but when this was presented to Tata, they handed us back the cheque to us, so we have a healthy start for next year.

The future quiz money will go towards raising money to put a memorial on the tip for those who lost their lives in the mines.

Surgery Meetings

These meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of every month in the village hall. We were all asked to promote these meetings as it would be lovely to see more villagers turn up.

Christmas Pantomime Sat Dec 10th

Father Christmas will start the night off from Welfare Avenue at 5.30 heading back to the community centre. Cwmavon choir Bois Afan will then start the evening off before our panto Peter Pan starts. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available on the night.

This year we will be having a xmas tree in the porch of the community centre; a first for Bryn !

No proposals or ideas received.

A.O.B.

Graham has asked the council for planning permission to erect a memorial on the tip. Graham has also met with Tata who proposed that their apprentices would build and erect it.

John thanked Graham and Paul for the work they and the committee had done for the village.

This was seconded by Marion who said that BRAG had done a superb job. Marion also informed us that there were now grants available and Marie Shufflebottom was working hard to get Bryn put under the Community First umbrella.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.