

**MUDIAD CLYBIAU FFERMWYR IEUAINC MALDWYN**  
**MONTGOMERY FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS**

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011, at Newtown Methodist Church at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:** Gerallt Evans, County Chairman along with 30 members.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lorraine Stokes (YFC County Organiser), Eleri Wyn Roberts (Wales YFC Development & Welsh Promotion Officer), Kay Lewis (Wales YFC Rural Development Officer) and Claire Owen (Menter Maldwyn).

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all members to the first County Executive of the YFC year 2011 - 2012.

Gerallt reviewed the highlights of the County over the summer and congratulated all members who were involved in the Royal Welsh Show. He announced that a successful County AGM in Glantwymyn Community Centre was held in June with 46 members in attendance. Since the start of the YFC year, a popular Quiz had been held and Club officials training had also taken place.

The Chairman encouraged the club representatives to put forward their opinions throughout the meeting. The committee were reminded to turn off their mobile phones and the Chairman introduced Claire from Menter Maldwyn who was in attendance to provide translation.

**E/01/11/12 APOLOGIES**

It was requested for any apologies to be recorded in the attendance book.

**E/02/11/12 I GADARNHAU COFNODION O'R CYFARFOD DIWETHAF / TO CONFIRM MINUTES THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes were proposed as a true and correct record by Rhodri Evans. This was seconded by Derwena Davies.

**E/03/11/12 MATERION YN CODI O GOFNODION / MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**E/04/11/12 GOHEBIAETH / CORRESPONDENCE**

- An E-mail regarding the Discovery Committee trip to Kenya 2010 was read out that gave an uplifting insight into the progress of the various projects that the members had worked hard to set up or finance. The Chairman congratulated everyone involved.
- NFYFC - Bar tending Course. Two free training sessions are to be provided by NFYFC. One will be delivered in the South West of England on 25<sup>th</sup> October and the other on the 26<sup>th</sup> October based in the Midlands. The venues are to be confirmed. Gerallt encouraged any members to attend if they were interested as it would be beneficial to the County and requested for the information to be made available on the website.
- NFYFC Free Stress Management Training will be based in Powys on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The course will be titled "Staying positive under pressure". It is open to members, associates and staff (18+). More details will be made available on the County website.
- A project facilitated by the National Library of Wales, called "Hello Newtown!" is to take place during October/November. Leaflets were available for anyone to take if interested in attending.

- The County had received an invitation from the NFU for one representative to attend the National Conference & AGM which is to take place in Birmingham on the 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012. As in past years, the committee agreed for the County Chairman to attend as a representative of the Federation.

#### **E/05/11/12      WHAT'S GOING ON AT WALES YFC?**

The Chairman introduced Eleri Wyn and Kay Lewis from Wales YFC who gave a short presentation on 'What's going on at Wales YFC'. The presentation covered the opportunities that were available to all members to attend (including the Freshers weekend & AGM, Winter Fair and Eisteddfod). They explained the various awards that members can compete to win (such as the Natural Resource Award, Wales YFC Natwest Business of the Year, Wales YFC Welsh Livery Guild Award and the Community and Environment Challenge). Training opportunities were summarised. Through YFC members can complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award. There is a Meat for Market training session happening in Newtown in October (details are on the County website). Wales YFC have been working closely with Coleg Powys to develop accredited OCN qualification schemes that members can obtain through County Federation's training sessions for relevant competitions. A pilot scheme has been launched which they are hoping to expand on. Further opportunities were promoted including the Lamb Initiative, a Business Start-up Event trip and the Dunbia Best Prime Lamb Producer competition.

An application had been submitted on behalf of all the counties of Wales to the Welsh Language Board for the funding that they would normally apply for individually (in the case of Montgomery YFC, this would be for the salary costs of Dylan Penri and part of the Welsh Language & Culture Committee expenses).

The Committee were informed that the Entertainments Feast in March 2012 will be taking place in Llandudno, where Montgomery YFC will be requested to provide stewards.

The presentation was concluded with a summary of who's who at Wales YFC (staff and committee officials). The new logo was explained regarding the significance of its design. The new website was explained and the committee were informed that all information put forward in the presentation could be found on it.

#### **E/06/11/12      I ETHOL / TO ELECT**

##### **a) AELODAU CYFETHOL O BWYLLGOR GWAITH 2011 2012/ CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE 2011 - 2012**

The chairman read out the list of Co-opted members for 2010/2011.

Rhodri Evans proposed for all 2011/12 County Officials and Committee Chairmen to be elected onto the Executive committee for this year:

Vice Chairman, Members Treasurer, Immediate Past County Chairman, Senior Trustee, Publicity Officer, Safeguarding Officer, Youth Forum Chairman, Discovery Chairman, Activities Chairman, Rural Affairs Chairman, Eisteddfod Chairman, Rally Chairman

This motion was seconded by Bethan Watkins.

Gerallt reminded the Executives that the Welsh Language & Culture Committee would be up and running soon and proposed for the Chairman of this committee to be co-opted on also. No objections were put forward.

In addition the following people were also elected:

Nicola Walker was proposed by Kathryn Savage, seconded by Rhodri Evans.

Marc Jones was nominated by Danielle Evans, seconded by Helen Morgan.

Gwynfor Thomas and Rhiannon Reese were proposed by Wendy Langford, who were seconded by Rhodri Evans. (Rhiannon agreed to accept the position).

**b) To Elect a Board of Management & Chairman**

The Committee agreed for all of the following County Officials to sit on the Board of Management for the 2011/12 year:

County President, County Chairman, County Vice-Chairman, Past County Chairman
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It was understood from last year that representation from Powys County Council will only be given if relevant items of discussion were on the agenda. The committee agreed to continue to invite the Wales YFC Chief Executive.

The Chairman requested for nominations of external outside representatives to be put forward. He explained to the members that the Board were permitted between 3 & 5 with experience of employment, finance & management. Gerallt reminded the Committee that at the June Executive meeting, it was approved to invite Karen Gittins-Jones to sit on the board as an External outside rep. In addition to this, the committee decided to reappoint Chris Lloyd and Rees Roberts.

The Chairman requested nominations for the position of Board of Management Chairman. Kathryn Savage proposed Emyr Jones, who was seconded by Wendy Langford. No further nominations were put forward and Emyr agreed to accept the role.

**c) To Elect a Charity Trustee for the Federation for the past 5 years (2006 - 2010)**

The Chairman explained to the Committee that the County is behind in the submitting of data to the charity Commission and there is a backlog dating to 2006. Part of the process to resolve this is for trustee reports to be submitted dating back to 2006. In order to do this a 'trustee' needs to be appointed to cover the years of absent reports.

Lorraine will work on writing and submitting the reports, but a named trustee needs to be recorded.

Gerallt summarised the role of a Charity Trustee as: Charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the administration of a charity.

Trustees have and must accept ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of a charity and ensuring that it is solvent, well run and delivering the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public for which it has been set up.

Danielle Evans proposed Janet Rowlands as the Federations Charity Trustee for 2006-2010. This was seconded by Kathryn Savage. Janet agreed to accept the position.

**d) To Elect a Charity Trustee for the Forthcoming Financial Year**

The committee decided that it would be suitable for the Board of Management to make this decision at their next meeting.

**e) To Receive Nominations for a Wales YFC Vice President**

Nominations were invited. Helen Morgan proposed Emyr Jones who was seconded by Kathryn Savage. No further nominations were put forward and Emyr agreed to be put forward as a nomination on behalf of Montgomery YFC.

The nomination form was completed and signed and given to the Wales YFC staff who then exited the meeting.

**E/07/11/12 I DDERBYN ADRODDIADAU A ETHOL CYNRYCHIOLWYR AR... / TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND ELECT REPRESENTATIVES...**

**a) Undeb Amaethwyr Cymru / Farmers' Union of Wales - Marc Jones**

With the absence of Marc Jones, no report was given. Rhodri Evans volunteered to sit on the committee for the 2011/12 year to which there were no objections. No further nominations were put forward.

**b) Cymdeithas Tirfeddianwyr y Wlad / Country Landowners Association - Richard Mountford**

With the absence of Richard Mountford, no report was given. Wendy Langford proposed Tomos Harrison, who was seconded by Bethan Watkins. Tomos accepted this position as no further nominations were put forward.

**c) Undeb Amaethwyr Cenedlaethol / National Farmers Union - Gareth Williams**

With the absence of Gareth Williams, no report was given. Kathryn Savage proposed for the Vice Chairman of the Rural Affairs Committee to attend this meeting for the 2011/12 year. This was seconded by Wendy Langford. The County Office is to contact Sara Moyle to ask if she is willing to stand for this position.

**d) Menter Maldwyn - Richard Jones**

In Richards absence, Gerallt delivered a report on his behalf as he is also a member of the Committee. He reported that since April, Dylan Penri had been working with the YFC to help get the Welsh Language & Culture committee up and running. The first meeting of this committee will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> October this year. As reported earlier, Wales YFC have submitted the grant application to fund Dylans post for the following year (April 2012-13). Rhiannon Jones is now on maternity leave and covering her post is Lowri Davies from Machynllyth who is keen on developing the partnership with the YFC.

Gerallt invited nominations for a representative to sit on the committee for the next twelve months. Derwena Davies nominated Huw Jones. Lucy Jones volunteered to be the representative and Huw decided not to stand. With no further nominations and no objections, Lucy was elected to represent the Federation on this committee.

**e) Pwyllgor Sioe Sir Drefaldwyn / Montgomeryshire Show Committee - Rhodri Evans**

Rhodri explained to the committee that he had not received any correspondence from the Montgomeryshire Show Committee and therefore had not attended any meetings. Lorraine informed the Executives that following the September 2011 County meeting, letters were sent to all Committees informing them of the newly elected representatives with relevant contact details.

Helen Morgan volunteered to sit on the committee for the coming year. No further nominations were put forward and no objections were made.

**f) Pwyllgor Maldwyn, Sioe Frenhinnol / Montgomery Royal Welsh Show Committee - Roland Davies**

With the absence of Roland Davies, no report was given. Gerallt Evans volunteered to sit on the committee for the coming year. No further nominations were put forward and no objections were made.

**g) Unrhyw gyfarfodydd eraill / Any other meetings**

**RABI Committee - Gerallt Evans**

Gerallt attended two meetings in 2010 but was unable to attend any others since. During the meetings that he attended the discussions were based upon organising the Christmas Carol concert to mark their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Helen Morgan volunteered to sit on the committee for the coming year. No further nominations were put forward and no objections were made.

## E/08/11/12 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

### A) EISTEDDFOD COMMITTEE - STEVE FRANCIS

Since the last County Executive meeting, the Eisteddfod committee had experienced great trouble in securing a venue. Great efforts were made to try and keep to the agreed date, but consequently the event will now be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> November at Newtown High School.

Steve reported that he had heard some views against the age categories of the Arts & Crafts section, in that there are competitions for 16 & Under and 26 & Under. In previous years the categories had been for 16 & Under and 17 to 26 years. The committee felt that this years categories gave younger clubs a greater opportunity to enter a variety of classes, welcoming greater participation. There were no further issues brought forward regarding the Eisteddfod rules and the approval was given from the Committee.

### B) ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE - SIONED OWENS

At the September meeting the committee officials were elected apart from Vice Chairman. A successful County Quiz had been held at Llanfair Caereinion Leisure Centre on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The Stockjudging evenings and County Field Day were approaching, for which the committee had given suggestions of Judges and Stewards. The public Speaking competitions will be held at Llanfyllin High School on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The school has been booked. Suggestions of Judges and Stewards were also put forward for this event. Dyffryn Tanat YFC and Llanfyllin YFC are going to work together to provide food for the members at the Public Speaking day as this was suggested in the review of last years competition.

Work was ongoing to organise the County Dinner which is proposed to be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

The Christmas dance will be held at Crystals, Newtown on 27<sup>th</sup> December.

Committee priorities were discussed which involved working closer with the Welsh Language & Culture Committee to provide County events in partnership with Menter Maldwyn.

Lorraine explained that the Public Speaking rules are to be the same as Wales YFC rules with the exception of the Welsh Debating competition which we have changed from a team of 5 to a team of 3 for the County rounds as per previous years. It was also highlighted that Wales YFC had changed the rules of the Welsh after dinner speaking competition from a team of 5 to a team of 3. With these changes in mind the County rules for the 2011 Public Speaking were approved.

The rules for the Pantomime Festival were reviewed and Lorraine highlighted some changes and recommendations:

- Unlike the National rules, the timing for the County performances would be adjusted to suite the recommendations of Theatr Hafren. The committee had no objections to this.
- The following recommendations had been made by Theatre Technician Peter Whitehead:

*A maximum of one back cloth per club can be flown during the performance (black and white back cloths will be provided in addition). One banner/flag per club is permitted.*

*Mics: 4x hand held radio mics will be available, 2x head set mics available will be provided by Theatr Hafren (Hire charges will be incurred to clubs). Own mics are not permitted to be used in the performance.*

*Projector will be available for use.*

*Bands/instruments are to be encouraged to be situated stage right. If clubs require any different arrangement, they must inform at producers information day.*

*Own lap tops / i-phones / i-pods etc. must be operated by a club representative.  
Sound technicians will accept CD's and Minidiscs only.*

The Committee requested for the County Office to check if these clauses were negotiable and then to circulate the proposals to all clubs to ask if they can get the opinions of their past or prospective producers and gather feedback for discussion at the next Activities Committee meeting.

The committee recommended for any charges to be stipulated in the rules (e.g. for the use of the projector, microphones etc) and proposed for the office to investigate whether it would be feasible to employ Dylan Penri to be the YFC technician for the week and possibly negotiate a discount.

In the last Activities meeting, nominations were put forward for Pantomime adjudicators. These were discussed, further nominations were put forward and the Committee approved the order of preference as:

English

Richard Harris  
Richard Cheshire  
Gareth Phillips / Stephen James

Welsh

Llyr Hughes- Griffiths  
Alun Elidyr  
Penri Roberts

**C) FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - HELEN MORGAN**

The officials were elected at the last meeting. It was reported that Lorraine had begun Sage training. An update was given on our current Charity Commission status. Lorraine had registered the County for Gift Aid which will be of great financial benefit to the county. Helen urged all club representatives to tick the gift aid box that now features on the Membership forms. The publicity requirements were discussed and the Wales TP agenda was reviewed. Membership figures were compared from August 2010 - 2011 and it was agreed to support clubs in maintaining their members. Over the summer, County representatives had met with Jo Bouchard from NFYFC to discuss the development of a training strategy for the county, which is ongoing. The Montgomeryshire Motor Neuron Charity had written to the Federation requesting for clubs to bare them in mind when fundraising.

**D) YOUTH FORUM - AMY OWEN**

An election of the 2011/12 officials took place. Wales YFC representatives were also elected for the Youth Forum. The books were selected for the Junior Reading competition at the County Public Speaking. Representatives were elected to sit on the Powys Youth Bank panel. It was discussed to move the date of the June meeting as for the last 2 years no meeting has taken place due to exams. The committee began to get ideas together for a summer trip to work towards over the coming months.

**E) DISCOVERY COMMITTEE - DANIELLE EVANS**

Danielle reported that a successful exchange took place over the summer with Cornwall YFC. Many fun activities took place and although not many people attended compared to previous trips, the group size worked well.

The aim of the exchange was to keep costs down to make the 'Discover Committee' accessible for all.

Over the year the attendance of committee meetings had been very low and Danielle encouraged greater participation at the AGM which is being held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at The Exchange, Newtown at 7.30pm.

**F) RURAL AFFAIRS - TOMOS HARRISON**

The last meeting of the Rural Affairs Committee was held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at the Black Lion, Llanfair Caereinion with 7 members in attendance. Stewards and helpers were put forward for the Field Day and the representatives for the Wales YFC Rural Affairs Committee were elected. Various trips were suggested with the first one being a visit to the AgrScot show in Edinburgh on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

**G) YEARBOOK - HELEN MORGAN**

Helen reported that the committee aim to have the Yearbook out by the County Eisteddfod so that all of the content is relevant. The committee are awaiting on one quote before they can go ahead with printing. Only one club report is left outstanding and all others have been translated. They are also awaiting on a couple of Club Sponsorships that are outstanding.

**H) RALLY COMMITTEE - SELINA JONES**

The first 2012 Rally meeting was held at Sarn Village Hall on the 13<sup>th</sup> September where the officials were elected. The committee decided to co-opt 2 members from each of the organising clubs. The office are to contact Four Crosses and Guilsfield YFC's for their nominations. Possible venues were suggested and ranked in order of suitability.

**I) MANAGEMENT - EMYR JONES**

No meeting had been held since the last County Executive, But Emyr informed the committee that a new County Secretary called Lynne Baker had started work in the office and she will be working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. He informed the Committee that there is a 3 Federations meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September where officials from Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery meet. Jeff Johnson of Powys County Council will be attending to discuss funding support.

**H) WALES & NATIONAL COUNCIL - GERALLT EVANS**

Gerallt reported on the last Wales YFC Council meeting that he attended. Matters discussed included 'Your YFC, Your Say' where the age of competing membership was voted on to stay the same (10-26). Wales YFC will continue to work with a small number of counties who wish to increase their membership to 31yrs. They will also be working with a couple of the Counties who wish to disaffiliate with NFYFC and the implications of this was discussed. The Wales YFC Eisteddfod 2012 brought about a big point of contention as it is to be held in Fishguard where the capacity of the venue is less than 1000. Pembrokeshire YFC fought to keep it in their County and won, unlike last year when Montgomery YFC had to hold it outside of the County due to the low capacity of Theatr Hafren.

At the last NFYFC National Council meeting the new Drug and Alcohol Policy was adopted. The Council agreed to continue with allowing 50% of the levy from the Welsh Counties to be paid to Wales YFC to enable them to comply with the Welsh Language Act. The vote was passed but two votes were received against the motion. The vote will be taking place again next year. The price for the entertainments packages were discussed and the cut off point for members being on the YFC database for the AGM will be 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**I) STOCKJUDGING - GRON BUMFORD**

Gron congratulated all those involved with the Stockjudging at the Royal Welsh Show and confirmed that the carcass judging facilities were arranged for the County Field Day. He enquired if any clubs had booked Stockjudging training which a few clubs had already done so.

**J) ANY OTHER REPORTS**

**i) Corporate Sponsorship Committee**

Gerallt reported that the committee met on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September and discussed how to clarify what the County are doing and with sponsors, advertisers, and donations.

There are letters going out to a list of companies drawn up from various committees in the past giving those on the list will be offered the opportunity to purchase an annual advertising or event sponsorship package.

The advertising package will include a half page advert in this year's programmes and the 2011-2012 yearbooks.

The sponsorship package will offer an individual company the chance to be the main sponsor of a county competition such as the Eisteddfod or Rally for more money but they will also receive more benefits such as banners and their name on event correspondence.

Individual event donations will be welcomed to provide an opportunity for a business to be associated with a local YFC event in return for name being printed in the program under donations. These donations are to be less than £300 in value.

Individual event donations was one aspect that was seen last year as a missed opportunity where local companies or organisations wanting to give something toward an event but did not want to take a full advertising package.

The objectives of the various packages are to reduce the workload for individual committees having to find thousands of pounds sponsorship for each event. Last year was a successful introduction to the system and we are hoping to build on that this year.

Gerallt put forward the proposal that any offers of financial support to the event committees under the value of £300 would be accepted as donations and in return their Company name would be printed on the back cover of the event programme. Local Companies could be approached for donations also, but a copy of the brochure is to be included with any letter sent in case they wish to up their donation to one of the Corporate Sponsorship packages.

Danielle Evans commented that the Eisteddfod Committee had been concerned that just a print of their name was not enough, but Steve Francis reiterated that the event committees would not be under pressure to get thousands of pounds worth of sponsorship with this new scheme and that if local businesses are approached correctly for donations and not 'advertising opportunities' then this system should work well.

The Committee agreed to approve the proposal put forward from the Corporate Sponsorship Committee.

Bethan Watkins proposed the adoption of the reports, seconded by Wendy Langford.

**E09/11/12 TO DISCUSS THE WALES AND NATIONAL COUNCIL AGENDAS**

The Wales YFC Council Agenda was reviewed with no issues being brought to attention.

**E/10/11/12 NFYFC COUNCIL**

**a) To Receive nominations for:**

**i) The Chairman of NFYFC Council**

The Committee agreed to nominate Mark Williams (Current NFYFC Vice Chairman)

**ii) The Vice Chairman of Council**

Beth Watkins nominated Rhiannon Rees. Rhiannon declined the nomination due to work commitments. No further nominations were brought forward.

**b) To elect NFYFC Council Reps**

This had already been done at the June Executive meeting.

**E/11/11/12 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TRUSTEES AND ELECT TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR 2010/ 2011.**

With the absence of Catherine Fairclough, there was no report given from the Trustees.

Nicola Walker would now become Senior Trustee and Maggie Jones would also remain on the panel. Nominations were invited for a third trustee. Derwna Davies nominated Roland Davies, who was seconded by Bethan Watkins. No further nominations were put forward.

**E/12/11/12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Sioned Owens requested for all clubs to see her following the meeting to arrange food provisions for the Field Day judges and Stewards.
- Bethan Watkins urged all clubs to submit their nomination lists to the County Office for additional CRB checks if required.
- Ifor Humphrey's suggested that for future elections (e.g. June Exec and AGM) where officials are being decided on, that if enough nominations have been received from clubs, by the given deadline and enough members have agreed to stand, then nominations from the floor should not be accepted. The Committee agreed with the principle that clubs should be encouraged to nominate democratically and therefore not to pressurise individual representatives for nominations on the night of an election.
- Derwna Davies put forward an idea to elect the Co-opted members of the Executive Committee in the June meeting so that they can be invited to the September meeting. Emyr Jones agreed and suggested to circulate nomination forms around clubs for them to put suggestions forward. The committee approved for the proposal to be introduced this year.

The Chairman wished everyone luck in the Field Day and Stockjudging and reminded everyone about their pictures in their cards ready for competing.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.36pm.

Signed: ..... Dated: .....