

TLT Steering group May 12th 2015

Present: Lucy Muir (chair), Cllr Chris Carmichael, Joe Botting, Sally Bramhall, Di Greaves, Geoff Greaves, Nick Talbott

Apologies: Peter Coleridge, Hilary Macaulay,

1 Actions from April minutes

Outstanding actions Geoff: disbursement of PTLCC travel costs
 Nick: letter re Oxford road footbridge
 Di - first aid training

2 Social Meeting Programme

The Riversimple April meeting was very well attended with 50 visitors.

May meeting

Talk about Vegan cookery course, followed by Stock Free agriculture video.

Action: Lucy to liaise with Sian, Sally and Dorianne over publicity and prepare poster.

June meeting

Llandrindod SOUP

Action: Di to discuss with SOUP activists and determine who will talk and what the content would be.

July Meeting

Jack Kearns on Forest School. Maybe invite Local Roots to participate as well?

Action: Joe to contact and discuss if there is enough of a fit to combine the presentation

August meeting

ideas invited

Slow Sundays

Action: Nick to contact members to see who is prepared to host a Sunday event

3 Repair Café update

Joe reported the relatively low turnouts to the first 2 events this year. There is a risk that fixperts will stop coming if there is not more public support. Hilary is willing to take posters to outlying villages, and a household leaflet delivery to selected areas has been proposed, initially try 300 leaflets.

Action: Joe to convene a meeting of the Repair Cafe group to organise publicity drive.

4 May Fair report

Attendance is estimated at 400 to 500 visitors, and despite slightly smaller area the event was judged more successful than previous years. Having all the tables in one space was an

improvement, and the café stage events worked well. The Herbal walk did not take place due to insufficient numbers and will probably be dropped in the future.

The costs of the event were covered: Income from stalls, chinese auction and donations came to £477.50. Expenses on printing, banners and the Pavilion hire so far come to £438.62, with some outstanding expenses related to printing.

A copy of the opening remarks made by Jude Boutle is appended.

Press coverage has been very good, with multiple photos in most local papers.

With the future of the Pavilion uncertain, other venues need consideration for future May Fairs.

The steering group would like to record its thanks to the May Fair organising group and everyone who contributed to the success of the Fair.

5 Updates on Llandrindod SOUP and Mighty Oak timebank

24 people signed up for the Timebank at the May Fair. Rosie McConnell is employed one day a week as the time-broker and would like to talk to the steering group at some point.

The url for signing-up on line is <http://hourworld.org/bank/Join.php?hw=1468>

Rosie has started drop in sessions for information and joining-up, each Wednesday from 10.30 to 12.30, at the Mid Powys Mind "Wellbeing Centre" (formerly The Art Café) in South Crescent between the Glen Usk hotel and Dickens.

First SOUP event will be on Sunday 7th June at 12:00 as part of the Big Lunch on Temple Gardens.

Action: Nick/Di to liaise over circulation of diary dates which would include these events.

6 Light Foot Enterprises – proposal for eco homes event

Action: Nick to clarify that one of the events would be based in Llandrindod. Also to make sure that the date chosen does not clash with National Apple day, 21st October and PTLCC conference 17th October. So prefer September or November.

7 Request from Stephanie Bradley

Agree to invite Steph to visit the Repair Cafe. Sally will organise an evening event in the Herb Garden where Steph would be invited to do a story telling session.

Action: Joe / Lucy to contact Steph and liaise with Sally over arrangements.

8 PTLCC update

Di to notify TLT news list of PTLCC annual survey.

PTLCC Stand at Spring Show – there is room for TLT to provide posters and leaflets. Agree to display posters about Repair Café and information about TLT.

9 Superfast Broadband workshop

Action: Nick/Di to include info in diary dates and circulate to TLT news list.

Meeting closed 9:00pm

May fair 2015 – opening remarks by Jude Boutle, Town Champion

I have been asked to say a few words in order to open this, the 3rd Llandrindod May Fair organised by Trawnewid Llandrindod Transition.

For those of you who haven't met me yet I am the Llandrindod Wells town champion. My post is funded by the Welsh Government for 12 months and my work is managed day to day by the Business Group - a group of the town's business people who were the driving force behind the town's economic regeneration plan. That's where my job comes in, everything I am doing goes back to economic regeneration - from delivering the town Wi-Fi scheme where businesses will be able to entice people to the high street with special offers and bargains of the week to making sure all the town businesses know about the free support for businesses from Business Wales and the advantages of getting Superfast broadband.

However, this is not all about me (apparently!) So, I must give a huge thank you to all the people from transition who have helped organised this event - Di, David, Diana, Dorienne, Flo, Hilary, Holly, Lucy, Nick, Sally and Sian AND thanks also to the Town Council for their sponsorship.

The strap line for the May Fair is "celebrating local" and since I took up my post in January, our local town has suffered some blows: the Pavillion, and Lakeside closures, the loss of several high street shops, some very longstanding like Bradleys, and Motorworld but sad though these things are, that is only part of the picture because in the same time period Ashlays has taken over Millwards, Sparkles nail bar has opened on Middleton Street, the Lakeside has been re-let, in April the lawn mower repair shop celebrated 50 years trading, several businesses are expanding their ranges to fill the gap left by Bradleys, an established business from Aberystwyth wants to open a shop here AND the most welcome recent arrival of Riversimple who you'll meet today with their stupendously innovative hydrogen fuel cell car.

However equally worthy of celebration locally - YOU - the people of Llandrindod. I invite you to join me in celebrating your **enthusiasm** which has resulted in this Fair and the huge number of stalls you'll see inside - each stall is a testament to the hard work of a small business or the hours upon hours of volunteer time, given freely in order to provide a much needed local service.

I invite you to celebrate your **innovation** which results in new things like the Time Bank being launched today and the elegantly simple Llandrindod Soup.

And finally I invite you to celebrate your **resilience**. The expression as one door closes another opens isn't quite true here because working in Llandrindod Wells I have not only seen the voluntary sector adapt to change in the face of funding pressures but have seen some positively racing down to Boys + Boden to grab a door catalogue so they could create their own openings.

So I now have great pleasure in inviting you all to celebrate local businesses, local enthusiasm, celebrate local innovation and resilience by joining me in the May Fair which I now declare OPEN!