

TLT Steering Group Meeting - 9th February 2016

Present: Lucy Muir (Chair), David Strachan, Alistair Reid, Flo Greaves, Geoff Greaves, Joie Parris, Jill Dibling, Sally Bramhall, Joe Botting, Nick Talbott, Hilary Macaulay

Apologies: Peter and Angela Coleridge, Cllr Chris Carmichael

1. Arising from January Minutes

Noted that the Introduction to Permaculture course was now full booked and that there may be sufficient demand to re-run the course.

Action: Geoff to contact Mike Membery about grant aid for operating the course from PTLCC.

2. Social meeting programme

Noted that Ray Woods has confirmed for the February meeting.

Agreed that the offer from Philippa and Clive Hedger to give an illustrated talk on Natural Beekeeping be accepted.

Action: Nick to liaise with Philippa and Clive.

Topics for future meetings

Possibility for April 26th meeting? – Charlotte Spring on Food waste

Action: Sally to contact Charlotte

Joe and Lucy offered to give an updated talk on climate change, for perhaps June or July meeting.

Sally Owen to be invited to talk about medicinal and culinary uses of plants. Perhaps linked to a "Slow Sunday" herbal walk?

Action: Hilary to discuss with Sally. Nick to let Hillary know Sally's contact details

Health topic – perhaps relating to antibiotic resistance issues, healthy living, pesticide residues. Consider films and/or speakers.

Action: Joie to look into films that are available. All to consider possible speakers.

Tools for Self Reliance might be invited to speak (linked with the Repair Café?)

Action: Nick to make contact

Repair Café Update

Joe reported that the Rock Park had been booked from April onwards for the second Saturday in each month.

Action: Nick to confirm the bookings with Helen.

Joe and Lucy propose a Repair Café be run in March in the Herb Garden

Action: Joe and Lucy to liaise with Sally and if necessary convene Repair Café subgroup to discuss and arrange.

Community Orchard update

Hilary is in process of opening separate bank account for the project.

Action: Hilary to call subgroup meeting to agree programme for planting

May Fair update

Geoff reported that the May Fair will be held on 2nd May in Metropole Hotel. The Metropole have been very helpful.

Action: Geoff to convene subgroup.

Action: Nick to send note to the new Pavilion group wishing them well in the project and expressing regret that existing commitments with the Metropole meant we could not consider using the Pavilion as a venue this year.

PTLCC Update

Alan Fay was not present to report on PTLCC developments.

PTLCC Winter School

Joie gave very positive feedback on her experience of the Real World Economics training weekend. Nick reported on the discussions of the project concept for making building boards from waste plastic film.

Action: Nick to discuss with Peter on his return from Africa.

Noted that the last of this year's Winter School weekend courses is on March 5th/6th and is about applying the principles of Permaculture to the operation of projects and enterprises.

Community Opportunities Report

Agreed that this should remain on the agenda for future discussion

Action: Nick to circulate report again.

Other business

PAVO Monthly Newsletter

David was thanked for his regular reviews of the PAVO monthly newsletter.

Agreed that it is a valuable function for David to continue to review these newsletters, but that circulation of a monthly extract may not be the best way of handing the information.

Agreed that anyone seeking funding should contact David for advice.

Agreed that this be a standing item for future steering group meetings where any opportunities identified by David will be discussed and follow up actions agreed.

Mighty Conversation!

Sam Evans at Cymrhyd Rhan has organised a meeting at Cartrefi Cymru on Thursday 11th February. Details below.

Mellowcroft

Noted that the Mellowcroft appeal failed and that all non-agricultural buildings are to be removed from the site.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm. Next Steering Group Meeting is at 7:30pm on March 8th.

You are invited to a Mighty Conversation!

This is for Llandrindod. It is about pulling people, organisations and resources together in order to strengthen our communities, our economy, and to build a positive future for the whole town. We are inviting people from across our communities, including: local businesses, health, education & social care providers, community, voluntary & arts organisations, town & county councillors, churches, and the police to get involved.

Are you in? Please join us for a morning of positive discussion, debate (and cake), to see if we can find common ground, share visions, network and plan a way forward. It could be REALLY exciting!

10-12pm Thursday 11th February 2016

The Conference Room @ Cartrefi Cymru

Unit 27, Ddole Road Enterprise Park, Llandrindod, LD1 6DF.

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