

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7.30PM
IN TRECASTLE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Chairman: Nicky Davies

Attendance: 10 people

Apologies: Lynn White, Jannice Williams

Approval of the minutes from the last meetings

The minutes of the last meeting were read and it was agreed these were a true record of events.

Existing Matters:

Church Repairs

Grant - The meeting was advised that the HLF grant application was submitted on time at the end of December and that an independent architect had visited the church to verify our schedule of work. A letter has subsequently been received from the HLF which requested that we revise our application, Gillian Byrne contacted Stefan Horowskyj to try and establish why there was such a discrepancy between the two architects views. It was reported that the matter is currently being resolved between the two architects and Stefan will submit a revised plan to the HLF. Gillian Byrne is to submit some further information about the community involvement with the church. It was also discussed that as part of this the friends could maybe encourage the starting of a historical society based around the church.

Churchyard Wall - It was reported that Paul Wilding has now received the required insurance documents from the Stone mason, and that he had also made contact with our insurance company to advise them of the forthcoming works. The insurance company now needed additional information which Paul will submit and we then have to wait for them to respond before we can commence with the work.

Ysgold y Fach - It was discussed and agreed that we will look at redecorating the interior of Ysgold y Fach during the summer to freshen it up. It was also suggested that we would like to fit some kitchen cupboards and work surfaces to make it easier when serving refreshments.

Treasurers report- It was reported that the sale of Christmas Cards took £56 and the cost of printing was £47.50. We have 22 cards left which can be sold this year. The account balance is £9,430.88

Fundraising -

Cookery demonstration - Janet Watkins had spoken to Neil Dillon and he can do any Tuesday or Wednesday in May or June. Janet also offered to speak to a local flower arranger Catherine Davies to see if she would be to happy do a demonstration on the same night. Janet will liaise with Neil and Catherine to find a suitable date in May and then check with Lynn White to check the Community Centre is available.

Mugs - An email had been received from Emma Price with the price of £3.85 for a mug and display box. A brief discussion took place about what to put on the mugs and it was agreed that we would bring photos and sketches to the next meeting and discuss it further. There was also discussion about a picture that Terry Griffith has of the church and it was agreed that Nicky Davies would speak with Terry and invite him to our next meeting.

Tea Towels - Gillian advised that she had not managed to sort the tea towel before Christmas but it was agreed that this would be worked on so that they can be available for sale at the demonstration evening.

Fundraising events for 2014 - It was discussed and agreed that we would have an open weekend on 26th/27th July with the theme 'lest we forget'. This would include some flower displays and displays of memorabilia based on the first world war. Refreshments would be in Ysgoldy and could include things like war cake to carry on the theme. It was also suggested that we could detail the history of the people on the war memorial and that we could speak to Sennybridge Camp for an input as well. Nicky Davies will speak with Lynne Jones to see if she is available with the choirs so that we can finish the weekend with a Gymanfa Ganu.

Sustainability Grant - Gillian Byrne reported that she had made contact with the National Park office regarding this grant but we were going to struggle to find a project that would be suitable as they will not fund things that take events away from other community buildings. It was agreed that we would not pursue this any further.

Other Matters:

Open Door/ Breconshire history week - It was agreed that we would open our doors on Saturday 13th September and to link in with the theme of 'Brecknock remembers: Reflections of the Great War' we would use some of the displays from our Lest We Forget weekend.

Confirmation refreshments - It was agreed that the tea, coffee and cake would be served in Trecastle Community Centre on the 2nd March after the 10am service. We would meet to set up tables on the Saturday and again early on Sunday morning. Donations of cakes were requested. It was also agreed that we would meet at the church on Saturday 1st March at 11am to do flowers, Paula Jones will get the flowers and donations of foliage was requested.

Donation - a donation of 100 dollars was received from Mr David Eynon.

Virginia Robotham - Gillian Byrne reported that she had received an email from Virginia regarding the upkeep of her family graves. She had asked if we could recommend someone to level off the graves and it was agreed that Paula Jones would speak to Bob Gwillam to see if he would be interested in doing the work, Hugh Watkins offered his help also.

Church wardens - Following on from the recent PCC meeting the situation with regards to church wardens was raised and discussed in depth. The vicar outlined the duties of the wardens and the fact that we need to elect new wardens at the next PCC meeting as Eileen Edwards will be standing down. Paul also gave an overview of the ways in which the diocese will be changing its ministry areas in the future.

Date of next meeting - Tuesday 25th March 2014 at 7.30pm in Trecastle Community Centre