**GWENT FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMER’S CLUBS**

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday 27th January 2020 in the Committee Room, YFC Office, Coleg Gwent.

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| CHAIRMAN:  SECRETARY:    **Abergavenny:**  **Bedwas:**    **Crucorney:**  **Raglan:**    **Usk:**    **Wentwood:**  **Co-opted:**  **Apologies:** | Alyssia Thomas  Jemma Rodgers  Ray Smith  Lucy Turner, Caroline Perkins, Joey Watkins.  Dan Edwards, Liz Berry, Tom Berry  Tim Williams, Chester Williams, Laura Bowyer, Abbie Williams  Tom Waters  Alun Morgan, Laura Baker, Mark Taylor, Ray Morgan  Katie Matthews, Ellie Williams, Steph Parry |
| **01/EX/20** | **1. Apologies**  Apologies for absence were received as above. |
| **02/EX/20** | **2. Minutes**  Signed as true and correct from the meeting in November 2019 52/ex/19-62/ex/19 |
| **03/EX/20** | **3. Matters Arising**  none |
| **04/EX/20**  **05/EX/20**  **06/EX/20**  **07/EX/20** | **4. Correspondence**  None.  **5. Committee Reports**  **Staff Association meeting**  **Management Meeting**  Change to the YFC year. Moving AGM earlier which allows us to fall in line more with YFC  Memberships need to be in Sept as no insurance when the membershuo year ends in August.  Proposed AGM 2nd week in September.  Gives clubs 6 weeks to prepare as a top table/train before the competitions start  Clubs to discuss with their members.  Monmouthshire building society – Jemma is opening an account to transfer our reserve fund.  Jemma looking into CCTV for county office  Grants have been applied for  Florist training – Jemma to look into  Website is up and running  Tom from green & co – finalising the last set of a/cs  Tom B – realistically no problem with the change of year  Alyssia T – Will give clubs more time to do things in clubs  Abbie – Club AGM’s in July. More time to prepare. Financial year will be shorter.  Maybe ours on a Thursday or Monday to avoid Usk show  Membership forms potentially going online- Montgomery trailed it and said it was good – everyone check with the treasurers they are ok to arrange an earier year end  Abbie – Wales Council members in every meeting this time which was great.  Not been a T&D meeting for several years – so went to events and marketing  YFC Podcast = 8 episodes ‘yfc&me’  Gwent asked to do 4 episodes same host – different guests.  Maybe Laura Bowyer/Nerys Lewis to host?  Past member suggestions – Huw Adams. Will Probert, Phil Jones, Chris Lewis, David Morgan?  Young farmers single – big release from Aberystwyth is for charity. Available on Amazon/iTunes  Spring festival - Army leased a lot of the ground. YFC linked to the army/.  New Wales YFC & YPV Website  Started working wales AGM Weekend Sat 19th September  Open Days farm safety partnership    **RURAL AFFAIRS – Laura Bowyer**  Discussed Grasslands – get young people involved in soil competitions – not confirmed yet.  Lamb Initiative lambs down this year  10pm per lamb to county 0 Look into this more  Agri bursary £1000 – 12 entries  Mentor Moch well received  Need to get more attendance to the conference  Moving it more north next year though.  October 23rd – 26th Ireland – Joey went last year  Field Day – Market  **Competitions YFC**  Rules 2020 have been approved  Entertainments - no curtains on the front  Lamb 2 judges  Theme 20/21 ‘on the farm’  Dates for 2 years  **Finance & management**  New members on chair board  New sponsorship packages  Leas Wales YFC Building now with YFC  New safeguarding and bullying policies soon  **Youth Forum**  Edinburgh 10th-14th August (14-17 year olds) - not really junior  Group leaders required  Speak to Juniors and see if they prefer a Gwent Trip  **Building Group**  Meetings over the next two weeks  Looking at other buildings  Survey going out for people to have their say  Money is in a trust  Architects have been appointed  Voted YPV turned into a separate trading arm. If anything went wrong it won’t fall back on YFC  **NFYFC – Alyssia Thomas**  How to increase membership – people don’t really know what YFC includes.  Welcome pack/discounts/comps list  Officer training – being officers then disappearing.  Improve NFYFC – officer training all policies on our website  Not knowing what role is what – all info on the website please use it.  **A.O.B**  Tech this weekend at the Dolman  Drama – Wentwood, usk tts, raglan, cruc tts  Sat – Cruc, w/wtts, usk, raglan tts, bed tts, aber tts  Newport/Monmouthshire – still trying to get the performance license for the event.  Crucorney suggested donated ½ the raflle money to the Australian farmers.  Raffle prize £10 per night  Main script – this Friday  Music – Sunday Before had  Alun M – we have a page in the Welsh ploughing match book  Look at advert to put in there  Trailer to the welsh ploughing match 19th September  Maureen Teague has passed away Funeral on the 4th in Raglan  Meeting closed at 9:40pm  **13. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 27th January 2020**  As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9:15pm  Signed ……………………........................... Date ………………………… |
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