

Draft- Minutes of the Cymdeithas y Dalar Committee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011

1) Present

Katarina Dvorakova (KD) Craig Jones (CJ) Christopher Bradly (CB) Anne Van Mechelin (AM) Pam Steane Price (PSP) Paul Rowland (PR) Gareth Malkin (GM) Brian Price (BP) Geoff Williams (GW)

2) Apologies – Peter Williams (PW) Margaret Nichols (MN)

(KD) was chairman

3) Minutes to change from the last meeting (BP) £16 in not out in (6)

Allotment competition more information required (3 & 4)

4) Site Update

Toilet block is currently blocked in at its current location but will be on its way ASAP (CJ) Definitely ours just needs to be transported (GW) needs to be locked on arrival to the site (AM) with every member having a key or access (BP) lock should be the same as gate and shed

(GW) with the flooding issue we should get another quote Drainage (PR) to chase

Issue with shed currently on its back after winds but going to be changed to a 6x4 with a sloping roof work is due to start anytime now

(PR) Costing for tank and deer fencing see attached hand out (PR) was looking for the trust to pay for the deer fencing £500 but National Trust (NT) currently has no funds available

(BP) Compost Toilet would be cheaper but NT require us to have a chemical toilet

(PR) Water from the car park is draining on the allotment maybe we could bring the fence forward and create a wet land area this would also cause a problem for a compost toilet

(GW) Compost toilet would also need more space (PR) water would also just drain in (GM) hand washing water does not need to be drained into tank (PR) Wet land area could be made child friendly using fencing and locked gate (PSP) access gate could be locked

(PR) help sort out the issue with rabbits (GM) flooding is an issue for the lower plots they need some sort of drainage (AM) why not let the wet land develop its self (GW) if we are going to have an area like this with children involved CRB checks will be need (PSP) Are the NT aware of the deer fence issue (PR)

NT aware of the drainage issue, toilet block and the deer fencing (GM) Is the money available for drainage on a smaller scale (GW) should invite the new property manager of the NT (PR) need to dig a pit for the waste from the toilet and also concrete pads for it to sit on (CJ) Septic tank no good because

of the flooding issue – so we will need a cesspit (sealed chamber) which will have to be emptied or a chemical toilet (GW) toilets will be used and this means cost to empty (CB) For the initial cost maybe we could ask the members for an additional £10 as help for the charges (BP) create 2 gallons a flush (CJ) As

solids are the main problem maybe we could use a bucket for the liquid (AM) Maybe we could educate the plot holders the benefit of urine and how best to use on their own plot (BP) no budget for the toilet block maybe use some of the drainage budget (PR) Need rabbit fencing along driveway 5' fencing 1' deep x 4' high maybe using smaller stakes

(GW) 2 emails of further areas for grants to Peter but no action discuss at next meeting

## 5) Officials Update

(BP) Treasurer fees in £400 expected £1,500 Current funds 1/2/2011 £1639.18 discuss the budget for fin year Oct-Sept 2010/2011 hand out attached (GW) what are we not going to do (BP) Web site paid for 3 years but Shelly kindly is without charge (CJ) Balance £1639 £1100 coming £3400 actual so we are £900 light for work and expenditure for this current year (GM) Petrol £75 for cutting grass Insurance £75.90 saving £76 (GW) BP to draw up a more accurate sheet and send to (PW) (PS) First Aid Kit was added in the summer no reported injuries we need £500 for exhibitions and education (CJ) Green Group donated money for notice board what have we spent it on (GM) Green cabin (PR) Notice board fine for this year going to ask Brian about moving the toilet block near the gate where the ground not so boggy also notice board will be by the toilet block (GM) Easier if block is by gate for emptying (PR) also screening need to speak to Brian about planting trees for cover (KD) Need permission from the NT

(MN) See attached email

(GM) Library/Gardening Club

(PR) has one book

Gardening Club 13/1/2011 Chairman of club thanked Anne for attending also going to host Gardeners Question Time on 4<sup>th</sup> April recording two programmes April/May need a poster for them Study morning on 19/2/2011 details on the website improving your garden (GW) Have we a link on the website Allotment competition basically a check sheet and design – vegetables all with prizes (PS) we can decide how the competition will work

Wildlife (AM) was impressed and enjoyed the garden club meeting and experience and will be going to future meetings nothing to report

### Publicity

1 Dryslwyn Gardening Club sending 12 people to view allotment need something like a pack to hand out

2 (PS) need to start exhibitions any suggestions

(CJ) Purpose to publicize why not try council offices – etc - NT spring plant fair – Post office shop (BP) to see Mike about the shop

3 Shelly can set up a forum Website (Blog) for members only to discuss concerns etc

4 Questions City Gardens Survey (KD & MN) to fill in

5 Contact Jan Williams gardening programme (PW0 can do it but need welsh speakers for beginning of March

6 Environmental – arrange visit spoken to (PR)

7 Perm culture Club seeds go 1<sup>st</sup> March

8 Stella (Plot 25) offering to give a talk on Herbs maybe at the Spring Equinox party

9 Email Horticulturalist \_ Farmer Market in London (KD) to meet him and see the benefit for us

10 Transition Town meeting 15/2/2011 meeting as closely related to them worth a friendly exchange of information

### Any Other Business

Minutes of last meeting no expenses for the hall

Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011@ 19:15 same place

Thank you to (KD) for being the chair

Minutes next meeting to be taken by Nigel Cox with Craig Jones on stand by

## TOILET BLOCK AND DEER FENCE

### Quote for septic tank:

Tank, 2800lt	£ 558.00 inc
3800lt	£ 705.60 inc
Tank cover	£ 34.20 inc
1 tonne $\frac{3}{4}$ down	£ 36.00 inc
6 bags cement	£ 24.48 inc
Digger hire 1 day	£ 72.00 inc
TOTAL 3800lt	£ <u>872.28</u>
TOTAL 2800lt	£ <u>724.68</u>

Toway waste fee for emptying the tank up to 1000gallons  
(3800lts = 836 gallons) £ 115.00 vat free

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### Quote for deer fence materials ( if the NT don't supply them)

Sheep wire 150mts	£ 150.96 inc
Posts 8ft x 50	£ 318.00 inc
TOTAL	£ <u>468.96</u>

E-mail attached sent to BH asking for the trust to supply the above deer fence materials, awaiting response.

**carol rowland**

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**From:** "paul rowland" <pkrowland@tiscali.co.uk>  
**To:** <brian.hancock@nationaltrust.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 01 February 2011 11:04  
**Subject:** allotments  
Hi Brian,

Deer have been jumping the north fence by the by-pass, apparently the trust agreed at the beginning of the project to raise the north fence to make it deer proof.  
We understand we all have to make cuts at the moment so would it be possible to meet half way, if the trust could provide us with the materials we could then provide the labour to erect the fence.  
The materials would consist of : 150mts of sheep wire and 50x 8 ft posts.  
We will drive the posts in along side the existing ones and fix the wire to the post on top of the existing sheep wire making the fence 6 ft high.  
If this agreeable with the trust would it be possible to complete the task A.S.A.P as the deer will cause more damage when the growing season starts.

Regards  
Paul Rowland  
Site Development officer CYD

01/02/2011

**J. Katerina Dvorakova**

**From:** Gillian Handscomb [ghandscomb@footholdregeneration.co.uk]

**Sent:** 01 February 2011 13:28

**To:** katka.d@btinternet.com

**Subject:** Allotments

Hi,

I am currently working with Llwynhendy Environmental Group on an allotment project. The group have received £70,000 grant funding to provide 20 allotment plots, and after hearing how well your project is running in Llandeilo I wondered if it would be possible to arrange a visit? We are very flexible on days, times etc, so if you could accommodate us that would be fantastic.

Could you let me know please?

Regards

Gillian Handscomb



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Have you visited the Foothold Regeneration website recently:  
[www.footholdregeneration.co.uk](http://www.footholdregeneration.co.uk)

*end February / beginning of March*



02/02/2011

## J. Katerina Dvorakova

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**From:** Mags [mags@gn.apc.org]  
**Sent:** 27 January 2011 13:46  
**To:** crbradly@hotmail.co.uk  
**Cc:** katka.d@btinternet.com  
**Subject:** Cymdeithas y Dalar meeting 2.2.11

Dear Chris and Katka

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting this week, please could you give my apologies.

Membership report

Up to 31.1.11, 22 plotholders have renewed together with 18 supporter members - some of whom are joint plotholders. We have had three new members, all joint plotholders, and there is one joint plotholder who has yet to fill in a form although the fee has been paid.

So far only two from the waiting list have indicated that they would be prepared to take up a half plot.

There are now 24 on the waiting list, seven of whom were offered a plot in 2010 but were unable to take it up at that time and asked to be returned to the list.

Three plots have recently been reallocated: Clara Harrison has taken up plot 12, Will Steele plot 19 and Tanya Rotherfield plot 27. We have one plot (no. 41) where there has been no reply to a 'failure to cultivate' letter and this will be reallocated shortly.

Once the renewal exercise is completed, I will update the plotholders list to be put up on the shed and pass this to Paul.

Hope the meeting goes well and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best Wishes

Mags

Current financial year cash flow 01 October 2010 - 31 September 2011				total current cash balance (including 1679.89 b/f from 31 Sept 2010)			
income	expenditure		balance				total funds available
509.00	549.71		-40.71				1639.18

Income	expected	actual
Membership fees	100.00	33.00
Plot fees	1525.00	400.00
Fund raising events	200.00	35.00
Donations		41.00
Grants		
Bank a/c interest	0.00	

<b>TOTAL</b>	1825.00	509.00
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Expenditure	proposed	actual	left in budget	overspend
Associate membership city farms	30.00	30.00		
Associate membership NSALG	150.00	122.00	28.00	
Insurance	150.00	75.90	74.10	
Health and safety	100.00	0.00	100.00	
NT Rent	25.00	0.00	25.00	
Admin postage & stationery	100.00	0.00	100.00	
refunds	0.00	0.00		
Fencing	200.00	0.00	200.00	
drainage	600.00	0.00	600.00	
water supply	300.00	71.81	228.19	
polytunnel	200.00	0.00	200.00	
community shelter / toilets	350.00	0.00	350.00	
Communal purchases	350.00	200.00	150.00	
Communal area maintenance	200.00	0.00	200.00	
→ education & training	200.00	0.00	200.00	
website	50.00	0.00	50.00	
hall hire	100.00	50.00	50.00	
Notice board	100.00	0.00	100.00	
→ publicity and exhibitions	200.00	0.00	200.00	
<b>Total</b>	3405.00	549.71		

Notes	Donors	
	Mayors Fund	25.00
	civic event	16.00
		41.00