

LLANDYSSIL COMMUNITY CHARITABLE TRUST

Annual General Meeting

Minutes 3rd June 2009

Present - Tim Halford, Simon McIntosh, Jane Hamer, Richard Cossey, Thelma Bevan, Brian Drew, Vivien Hunter, Chris Davies, Gwyneth Jones, Gwen Cooper, Wynn & Gerta Jones, Alan Backhouse, Dave Hamer, Mike Membery, Toni Bennett, Alan Jefferies, Lynn Davies

1. **Apologies** - Gerald Jones, Maz Ralph, Kim Lovatt, Lee Waite, Andrew Lloyd.
2. **Minutes of 2008 AGM** – Approved. Nothing outstanding.
3. **Summary - Chairman's statement 2009**

Kim (Lovatt) and Alan (Backhouse) are once again on the Hall Management Committee representing the Community Council. It is also good to see other Community Councillors and the Church Wardens.

I am also pleased to welcome new Trustees Dave Hamer and Alan Jefferies - and several former trustees.

Before moving on I would like to say thank you to Simon Macintosh who having done his year as a Trustee is standing down. Your advice and good guidance, as we tried to get to grips with the Hall and what we needed to do, was invaluable – thank you.

The Trustees would also like to thank those that use the Hall. The past year has seen the Hall used by a large number of Groups and for several parties and events.

We would also like to thank everyone who has helped with fund raising events during the year – particularly Thelma and her team. Simply, without your help and support we probably would not have this lovely new roof. Last year's Dragonfest, the Christmas Fair, Concert and coffee mornings raised around £5,000 for the Hall. This is a remarkable achievement for a small village like Llandyssil. A word of thanks should also be given to the prior trustees for the healthy bank account that was in place and which proved vital, with funds raised, in enabling us to successfully apply for match funding

On the subject of money, Jane will be taking you through the audited accounts in a minute. I would however like to preface the discussion by saying the accounts are more healthy than they may appear at first sight ie with an overdraft of £3,500. Firstly we are not overdrawn as Rob Hughes has kindly agreed not to submit his final bill until funds are in place and secondly, a number of grants have not yet been received – although long overdue – and the VAT refund is still 'on its way'. Once these funds are in and a few outstanding bills paid there will be a positive bank balance of around £7,000.

We will discuss forthcoming events later in the meeting but the Trustees would like to take this opportunity to record the thanks of the Managing Trustees for allowing the Church to be used for the Concert on Saturday 20th June – we hope to see everyone there - and to Gwyneth Jones for allowing the School Field to be used for Dragonfest parking on September 12th.

I would also like to welcome Toni Bennett, our new Rector, and to say how delighted we are to see her here tonight.

It has been an eventful year. Last September, at a ceremony in St Tyssil's Church with the Bishop, we signed the 25 year lease on the Hall. This gives us the security of tenure to plan for the future and to renovate the Hall to meet needs of the next generation of the community. With the help of Cllr Wynn Jones, we were then able to raise grants to undertake the most urgent of repairs – to replace all the roofs and open up the Hall ceiling. This work – which cost well over £30,000 - was carried out over the winter.

We also applied for VAT registration in order to recoup some of the major costs we would incur, this has now been approved.

We are now working on plans to undertake phases 2 and 3 of the renovation work – a proper floor, new heating, double glazed windows, soundproofing, redecoration – and further grants have been and are being applied for. If anyone is interested, a list of outstanding works is on the board at the back of the Hall. However, the current parlous state of the country was not known this time last year and funding, tough then, is increasingly hard to come by. We are making no promises of quick success planning but are planning to make slow and steady progress; we will continue to pursue every opportunity.

Over the past few years the village has been incredibly supportive in both making use of the Hall and helping raise funds for the Hall. We still have quite a task ahead but with everyone's continuing help we now have a real chance to develop a warm, properly equipped Hall which will serve the Llandyssil Community for the next 25 years. If there are people who are willing to help us at any level – fund raising, events, accounts, keeping the Hall clean and tidy – do let us know. All offers of help will be very gratefully received.

This is my last Chairman's report as under the agreement of the new Trustees we only hold the office for one year. I would like to thank them all for their help and support. It has been fun.

Andrew Lloyd will take over as Chair following this meeting. Andrew was born in this village, has a young family and is considerably younger than me. He will bring a new and very relevant perspective the role.

- 4. Treasurer's Report** – Jane went through the audited accounts. The only question asked was on the donation by Barclays. Jane mentioned that a large electricity bill that had been received was being questioned.

5. Election of Officers –

Andrew Lloyd – Chairman. Proposed by Tim Halford, seconded by Richard Cossey
Tim Halford – Vice Chairman. Proposed by Jane Hamer, seconded by Alan Jefferies
Jane Hamer – Treasurer. Proposed by Lynn Davies and seconded by Tim Halford
Maz Ralph – Secretary. Proposed by Lynn Davies and seconded by Alan Jefferies
Other Trustee Board Members - Gerald Jones, Lee Waite, Richard Cossey.
David Hamer and Alan Jefferies

6. Events

Concert in Church - 20th June, Gerald expects approximately 120 to attend. Thelma and WI ladies to do catering in Hall afterwards. TH to check when sound check to be carried out. Tickets selling well. Parking to be on Church Field if hay in!

Dragonfest - 12th September. Following inspection at end of meeting agreed to hold Dragon fest on Dragon Field behind Brooklyn. Meeting to be held on Wednesday 8th July to discuss in detail. Hog booked, schools being approached.

Christmas Fair - 5th December. This will replace the end of November coffee morning. Details to be discussed and finalised at the next management committee meeting after the Dragonfest which will be on Wednesday 14th October 2009.

7. Any other business

Hall Cleaning - A rota or other arrangement needs to be set up for regular Hall cleaning.

Newsletter – Meeting to be held to discuss development of newsletter to incorporate Abermule. TH to report back.

Fundraising – Ideas for use of Hall were put forward to Trustees – welsh history evenings, auction, film nights, weight loss classes. Also

Policies . ‘Safeguarding’ policy to be introduced.

Car boot. The idea of a car boot sale was discussed but put on hold for time being.

8. Date of next meeting

Dragonfest meeting on Wednesday 8th July at 7.30