

WALES FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS



TUESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER 2021
'ZOOM'
7.00PM

MINUTES

CHAIRMAN: Miss Caryl Haf **VICE CHAIRMAN:** Mr Hefin Evans

PRESENT: Caryl Haf, (Council chairman); Hefin Evans, (Council vice chairman); Sian Healy, (Competitions chairman); Kathryn Jones, (Finance and Management chairman); Nerys Lewis, (International chairman); Niall Evans (past International chairman); Aled Thomas, (Events and Marketing chairman); William Jones, (Rural Affairs chairman); **Carys (Youth Forum Vice Chariman)** Emma Rees, (Brecknock); Iestyn Owen, Carys Thomas and Aled Thomas, (Carmarthenshire); Meirian Morgan, Dewi Davies and Emyllt Ellis Jones (Ceredigion); Elain Jones and Gwenno Davies (Clwyd); Gwen Thomas and Meinir Owen (Eryri); Kate Thomas and Elen Williams, (Glamorgan); Anna Prysor Jones (Meirionnydd); Aled Rees, Lliwen Jones and Elin Lewis (Montgomery); Samuel Kurtz, Delun Evans (Pembrokeshire); Rhys Richards, Elli Griffith and Fflur Powell-Roberts (Ynys Môn); Elin Orrells, (Junior Member of the Year); Hedd Pugh, Iwan Meirion- Lloyd Williams, Dafydd Jones, Kate Miles, Mared Jones, Rhodri Evans and Jayne Jones (Co-opted); Ed Dungait and Rachel Goldien (NFYFC).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mared Jones (Wales YFC Director); Anna Jones, (Marketing and communications officer); Rhianwen Jones (Competitions and International Officer); Edna Jones (Staff Association chairman); Gwyneth Thomas (Gwent and Glamorgan County Organiser); and Hefin Jones (Translator).

C/11/2021

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman welcomed everyone to the October meeting of Council and to her first Council meeting as Wales YFC Chairman.

Welcome all representatives and co-opted members in attendance.

Chairman noted that the meeting will be recorded for minute taking purposes. Translation available – test.

Those wishing to ask questions, please note them in the chat function or feel free to come off mute and put your views forward, noting your name and role.

For voting purposes, Vevox will once again be utilised. The link is in the chat.

The calendar for the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Director activities since July 2022 was shared on the screen.

Chairman was delighted to see clubs and counties undertaking competitions face to face where possible within new guidelines – congratulations to you all.

C/12/2021

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Rhodri Lewis, (Carmarthenshire County Organiser); Abbie Williams, (Gwent); Katie Davies (past chairman); Katie Court (past Competitions chairman)

C/13/2021

CHAIRMAN'S CAMPAIGN 2021-2022

Caryl Haf informed all that her chosen charity is Alzheimer's Society Cymru and will be working with counties to organise 3 evening dinners across Wales during the year ahead.

C/14/2021

ROLE OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS (DIRECTORS)

Role of the council members was shared on the Zoom screen.

C/15/2021

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members of the committee were reminded of the need to declare any interests they may have in any of business being discussed.

Mared Jones declared an interest as she's a co-opted member and the temporary Wales YFC Director.

C/16/2021

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 8th of July 2021 having been circulated, were confirmed as a true and correct record.

Proposer: Esyllt Ellis Jones

Seconder: Sam Kurtz

C/17/2021

ACTION POINTS AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

C/18/2021

CORRESPONDENCE

Rural Affairs trip 9th of October to visit Llaeth Jenkins, Aber-Innovation and Trawscoed, Aberystwyth University – names to Anna Jones.

C/19/2021

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM SUB COMMITTEES:

a) Competitions – Miss Sian Healy

Council to note:

1. The committee met on the 21st of September

Council to approve:

There were no points put forward to approve.

Council discussions and agreement:

There were no further discussions.

b) Finance & Management – Kathryn Jones

Council to note:

1. The committee met on the 31st of August.
2. Ceri Llwyd from Ashmole & Co attended the meeting prior to the AGM. Ceri encouraged Wales YFC to build back the reserves.
3. Chairman noted that herself and Rhodri Lewis (Finance Officer) is busy updating the Trustees' names on the Charity Commission.
4. Chairman thanked Rhodri Lewis for his work for Wales YFC.

Council to approve:

There were no points put forward to approve.

Council discussions and agreement:

There were no further discussions.

c) Events and Marketing – Aled Thomas

Council to note:

1. Aled noted that he was re-elected as the new Chairman and Elli Griffith was elected as vice-chairman.
2. Aled noted that the committee needs to look at a marketing strategy.

Council to approve:

There were no points put forward to approve.

Council discussions and agreement:

There were no further discussions.

d) International – Nerys Lewis

Council to note:

Council to approve:

There were no points put forward to approve.

Council discussions and agreement:

There were no further discussions.

e) Rural Affairs – William Jones

Council to note:

1. Rural Affairs trip 9th of October to visit Llaeth Jenkins, Aber-Innovation and Trawscoed, Aberystwyth University – names to Anna Jones.
2. William thanked Clare James previous Chairman for all her work and dedication to the role over the past year.

Council to approve:

There were no points put forward to approve.

Council discussions and agreement:

There were no further discussions.

3. Youth Forum

1. Caryl Haf informed the Council that Carys has been elected as the new Chairman of the Youth Forum and Carys Philips has been elected the new vice-chairman.
2. A very successful meeting was held with Youth Forum and Welsh Youth Parliament in September.

Council to approve:

There were no points put forward for approval.

Council discussions and agreement:

There were no further discussions.

4. Building Group – Dafydd Jones**Council to note:**

1. Dafydd noted that he is working with Mared Jones and contacting with the Architect.

Council to approve:

There were no points put forward for approval.

Council discussions and agreement:

There were no further discussions.

5. Personnel and Remuneration – Caryl Haf**Council to note:**

Caryl Haf thanked Huw Jones and Angharad Thomas for supporting Wales YFC office over the past couple of months. Caryl Haf welcomed Rhianwen Jones and Anna Jones to the team. Also, Caryl Haf welcomed back Claire Powell back from maternity leave.

Present situation.

Mared Jones, Director (1 day)

Helen Evans, Operations Officer – Rural Affairs – (1 day)

Claire Powell Finance and Administrative Manager – (1 day in October)

Rhodri Lewis, Finance Officer – (2 days)

Rhianwen Jones, Competitions and International Officer

Anna Jones, Marketing and Communication Officer

Megan Jones – Admin Officer (2 days).

Ann Hammonds – 2 hours a week

Caryl Haf thanked Carmarthenshire YFC and RWAS for the support of sharing staff resources.

Caryl Haf informed the Council that the new Chief Executive Officer will begin his role on the 22nd of November.

It was noted that posts for the following roles are being advertised and the closing date is the 12th of October at 12pm.

Welsh Development Officer

Operations Officer – Rural Affairs and Youth Work

Council to approve:

There were no points put forward for approval.

C/20/2021

NFYFC

Rachel Goldie reported on the work of NFYFC;

Rachel informed the Council that the total number of members at the end of September was 3,000 which is very positive. It's been a busy month with floral and cooking competitions at the Malvern Show. Rachel congratulated Pembrokeshire their success. Also, Sports day was held last Sunday. Rachel reminded everyone to attend the Chairman's Day in Cardiff.

The Council need to elect members to represent on the following NFYFC Committees.

YFC Agri, Competitions, Membership and Marketing, Personal Development, Youth Forum. The council decided to put this matter on the next council agenda.

Aled Thomas was nominated to represent on the Rural Youth Europe Sub Committee – Aled accepted.

C/21/2021

MEMBERSHIP

End of Year membership figures to date were shared on the screen for all members to consider. Chairman thanked all members that have supported during the pandemic year and hope for an increase in membership during the year more face to face competitions.

C/22/2021

AGENDA ITEMS & DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of Council was noted as being Saturday, 22nd January 2022 at the showground or on Thursday 20th off January 2022 via zoom if there are any Covid-19 restrictions.

Items to include on the Agenda – Elect representatives on NFYFC sub-committees.

C/23/2021

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman thanked everyone for working with 5 Nations to complete 5,000 miles.

Chairman informed the council that S4C YFC Pantomime script is ready and reminded everyone to inform the office if you are interested to being involved.

Chairman reminded everyone that Wales YFC Eisteddfod will be held on the 20th of November at Pontrhydfendigaid Pavilion.

Chairman wished Iwan Meirion a very happy 40th birthday.

As there was no further business, members were thanked for their input and the meeting was declared closed. 8.05pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____