

WALES FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS



RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 13th JANUARY 2022
ZOOM 7.30PM

MINUTES

CHAIRMAN: Mr William Jones

VICE CHAIRMAN: Mr Dewi Davies

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of Rural Affairs Sub-Committee.

MEMBERS PRESENCE

William Jones, Dewi Davies, Angharad Thomas (Sir Gar), Elin Williams (Maldwyn), Dom Hampson-Smith (Gwent), Clare James (Radnor), Will Worthington (Maldwy), Sion Lloyd-Evans (Maldwy), Hefin Evans (Wales YFC Vice-Chair), Caryl Haf (Wales YFC Chair), Claire Powell (Wales YFC)

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rhodri Griffiths (Ceredigion), Hedd Pugh

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Due to the minutes not being presented at the meeting it was agreed that the minutes would be confirmed next meeting

ACTION POINTS AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Any action point from previous minutes will be discussed at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Keep Wales tidy had been in touch regarding promoting their Dog Fouling Campaign. It was requested for Wales YFC to either provide a quote or create a video to assist with the campaign. It was decided that Wales YFC should provide a quote and request if Keep Wales tidy has any social media content that Wales YFC could share the message.

FUW are holding a carbon webinar on Wednesday 19th of January 2022 at 8am.

The International committee wished to inform the committee that the travelling program would be happening this year. It was requested for dates to be discussed, it was decided that there would be visits in May, August, and November, with dates to be confirmed dependent on county and Wales YFC event.

A request had come from Paul Smith interested in coming to talk to the committee. It was decided to invite Mr Smith to the conference dependant on the theme decided.

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UPDATE ON CURRENT RURAL AFFAIRS PROJECTS

It was noted that the consultation on animal registration, identification and movement had been submitted, and Dewi was thanked for completing the work.

Lamb Initiative

Claire provided an update on the number of lambs currently going through the scheme and that Wales YFC are awaiting an update on the number of members supplying.

Winter Fair feedback

It was noted that the carcass stock judging timing clashed with the prime lamb competition.

TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORTHCOMING EVENTS**Quad Bike Wales**

It was noted that the Quad Bike Wales competition will be held in the Field Day for 2022 and will return to the Winter Fair 2022.

Conference

There was discussion around whether to hold a virtual or in-person competition for 2022. It was agreed restrictions dependant the conference should be held in-person in either Lllysfas or Glynllifon College and it was agreed that the conference should take place on Saturday 30th of April.

Wales YFC Update

Claire gave an update on staffing matters and noted that the post of Rural Affairs Officer will be re-advertised.

Members Well-being

No matters arising. It was questioned if there could be guidelines introduced to the meeting to note what should be mentioned.

Next meeting agenda

- Discussion for Agri I and any other visits

Any other business

It was noted that the TB consultation was currently open, and it was suggested that RA should provide a response. It was noted that Dr Hazel Wright, Senior Policy Officer at FUW, had given a talk to the FUW advisory committee in Carmarthenshire and it was suggested that Hazel along with a NFU representative should be invited. It was noted that the meeting should take place either 26th or 27th of January.

It was noted that Hefin Evans, Wales YFC Vice Chair had written a piece for the Farmers Guardian, and it was good to see mention of the work that Wales YFC and the Rural Affairs committee mentioned in the national press. It was suggested that Wales YFC should share the piece on their social platforms and on the website.

Next meeting – same day as council.