

**TVEG Minutes.**  
**Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30**  
**RAFA Club**

Present: Christine, Camilla, Val, Yvie, Tom, David, A M

Apologies: Sheila, Siggy

1)Website:

David has constructed a draft website

It has some photographs, mission statement, and menu subheadings: Who we are, What we do, Why we do it, Events, Contact us, News, Links, Buy Local, Why get involved

He needs:

More Graphics

**YVIE**

Buy Local

**AM** to ask Julia

Photos from Jane Bywater

**CHRISTINE**

Constitution

**SHEILA** (from Tidy Towns work)

Achievements

**AM**

Group list

**PENNY**

Possible Links:

HES

Ten Green Bottles

Hereford in Transition

Knucklas Land Project

And more – but must be relevant!

Lead contacts will be on the site

The possibility of putting newspaper articles on – may be copyright issues, scanned copies may have to be used.

Possibility of a blog in the future

All further suggestions and / or contributions to David: [djtollman@btinternet.com](mailto:djtollman@btinternet.com)

2)Allotment

The allotment has 2 new members and despite a late start is going well. The picnic on Sunday was great but didn't attract any other allotment holders.

3)Calon Cymru

Successful evening with a good audience. Also representatives from HOWLTA, HES, Tools for Self-reliance, Knucklas Landtrust. Thanks to Tom for running the bar.

It was suggested that a way forward would be to find a local group of people who needed / wanted access to affordable housing and support them with Calon Cymru's help.

Llandovery already have a group pursuing this path. **CHRISTINE** to organise a visit to see how and what they are doing.

- 4) Tree planting. Ken Harries says that some sites will probably be ok. He is going to meet with Highways to discuss. He suggested additional sites: Pinna's Hole, above old tennis Courts and behind Community Centre. He also suggested putting trees in boxes on the

Community Centre Car Park as a cheaper option to digging holes in the tarmac. **AM** to meet Ken after the next Council meeting to take this further.

Fund raiser for trees and boxes: Bric a brac stall at the next Farmer's market: **AM, PENNY, YVIE**

#### 5) Invasive Non- native Species

Tom reported on a meeting he had attended: Himalayan Balsam (needs to be pulled up before it seeds), Giant Hogweed (pull up and spray with glyphosate), Japanese Knotweed (Do not hack or cut, spray with glyphosate)

The local problem is Japanese Knotweed which grows at the bottom of Crabtree Lane and along Ludlow Road.

Information could go on website. **TOM** to send to David

If found report to council.

#### 6) HES

There is a job going for the local coordinator

Discussion included FITS ( feed in tariffs), the formation of an Knighton Electricity Board. It was decided that as soon as the new local coordinator was appointed that we invited them to our meeting to discuss support.

#### 7) AOB

Yvie told us about a woman who builds houses out of hemp and straw locally. She is willing to come and talk to us. **YVIE** to organise.

#### Minute Brainstorms:(Great idea!)

Christine: Lets make more use of town video equipment to fil and promote our actions.

Camilla: Be aware of International Year of Biodiversity

Val: Rubbish dumped on Garth Hill needs clearing. Has Sheila progressed on this with Young Offenders? If not **VAL** will organise and **YVIE** will find transport. **CHRISTINE** will video it!

Date of next meeting: Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm  
Outdoors: meet at the Offa's Dyke Centre  
If wet, The George.