

RDCA General Meeting 23 November 2023

Present:

Nerys, Robin, Tim, Christina, Maggie, Sam, Rebecca, Roger, Sue, Sam, Matthew, Jane H, Chris, Penny, Tony, Charmian, Stef, Howard, Gorica, Kristin, Ian, Neil, Simon, Cellan, Ed, Keith, Tom.

Apologies:

Braithwaites, Natasha, Phil, Lynda, Brynglas, Keith, Maura, Ian, Pippa

Agenda Item		Action
Introduction	Nerys welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Sue for the use of the Church.	
Previous meetings	Minutes of previous meeting, 23/11/23, agreed as correct. Proposed: Ian Hayes, Seconded: Kristin Hayes	
Social Poll	Feedback was preferences for: Quarterly events. Coffee morning – volunteers required. Venue for events – Royal Oak. Preferred events: Summer Party, BYO evening, talk by local experts, curry/quiz night. £10 spend per person. RDCA Committee will discuss and plan with further updates to be issued.	
Nantymwyn House	Tom advised that there was no further update on either planning permission for huts or proposed mast development.	
Royal Oak	Landlords have left, No furniture, crockery etc left. Villagers have offered to help with clearing up. There are no concrete plans for the pub – no financials to prove it is a going concern. But it has been a profitable business in the past. Lee doesn't want to sell it if possible. RDCA have been offered use of premises for a 'pop up pub'. Attendees to bring own drink, glasses, nibbles and a log for the fire. Proposed time would be 6pm – 9pm. Nerys to enquire re suitability of using dining room for children's games etc. Date to be finalised and advertised via Facebook.	
Bryn Cadwgan Wind Farm	Ian Hayes gave an update: Proposed installation of 25 x 230 metre tall turbines above Llyn Brianne. New 'Cadw Cambria' group has been set up to fight plans – core members are Ian, Jason and Maggie.	

	<p>Core argument against is that new wind farm is not required. Wales produces enough green energy for its own needs. Existing sites should be expanded rather than building new ones.</p> <p>There are currently 7 wind farm planning applications for sites on the Cambrian Mountains.</p> <p>Opposition process is a marathon, not a sprint – planning application won't be submitted until Q3 this year.</p> <p>Ian has written an article against proposal which should be published in The Post in March.</p> <p>Dashboard for Wales energy produced v energy consumed is being produced.</p> <p>Planning process is biased toward developers.</p> <p>Cadw Cambria publish regular newsletter – anyone wishing to be included in distribution list should contact Ian.</p> <p>Need to push the fact that Wales produces enough green energy for its own use and energy from any new wind farms located in Wales would not benefit us.</p>	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee Mornings: Next event to be held on 28 Feb 4pm – 6pm – venue to be announced shortly. • Nominated Charities. Previously Wales Air Ambulance and Llandovery Hospital. Point raised that there are 2 fund raising organisations for the hospital – League of Friends and the hospital itself. Nerys to establish which, if either, it better to support. Pending outcome, continued support for existing charities received majority vote. • Tim Timms asked that if knows where a child can get involved with horses/equestrian, please let him know. • Forest access planning – Consultation period ends today, and Howard thanked those who have signed to oppose proposed plan – 55 signatures. Must now wait for outcome. Opposition is not against access, but the location near entrance to Coleg. 	
Meeting closed		