

**Cofnodion /Minutes:Pwyllgor Eisteddfod Y Fenni Committee**

**Cyfarfod/Meeting: Dydd Llun Tachwedd 11 fed, 2024 /Monday November 11th, 2024**

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**Present**:  Rosemary Williams,Nicola Morris Chris Chetwynd, Rhiannon Davies, Jeanette Massocchi, Lorrain Willson ,Cllr David Simcock.

**1.Apologies**:).Ruth,Elen,Helen,Jo

**2.** **Minutes**:Rosemary thanked Lorrain and Nicola for the Minutes. Chris and Jeanette accepted that the Minutes were a true record of the previous meeting.

**3**. **Matters Arising:**

**(a) Update on proposed plans for Junior Eisteddfod.**

Nicola read out plans/suggestions and thanked all for their contributions. King Henry cannot be used as a venue next Spring so the decision has been made in the first instance to use the Chapel venues with the dance competitions to be held separately at the Priory Centre on a different Saturday.

Rhiannon raised some problems in that the dance competitions would be on the same day as the Pop Up Café which would restrict space for dance . It was suggested that the dance competitions would move to the following weekend.

It was suggested that the Pop Up Café would be held on 5th April and Dance Competitions would be provisionally booked for 12 April 2025 . More stewards would be needed to help.

All Agreed to go ahead with Chapel Venues for Junior Eisteddfod.

Rhiannon to action booking the Chapels for next year. Eisteddfod to start at 8am until 6pm at the Methodist Church.

Dates will be checked with Sandra (Rhiannon to check).

**(c**) **Art and Literature Competitions**.

Choice of titles will be discussed with Sandra after the meeting if possible or whether we as a committee to go ahead to choose perhaps looking at Urdd titles for 2025 or any other suggestions.

(d) Discussion of whether local councils should contribute financially.Sandra may have list of community Councils contacts.

**(d** )**Certificates** as part of prize giving certificates to display logos of town Council and any sponsors? Layout and decoration to be discussed and designed with aid of local printer.We still have some certificates left from previous years perhaps?These to be used up first.

**(e)**Decision made not to award individual medals to the Choirs. Winning Choir to receive Challenge Shield and money (sum to be decided) to be awarded to the winning choir along with certificates. Likewise with “2nd placed and third placed choir. There will be a cost saving in this manner

**(**f) NM has calculated medals remaining that can be reused. We will have to order new Quick release Ribbons in line with Health and Safety to be attached to the remaining older medals so that we can recycle .

**4**. **Adjudicators**

Rosemary to ask Daria Bril Williams and Jonathan Gulliford to adjudicate again.

Rhiannon to ask Gary Owen from BBC to adjudicate Recitation?

Literature Adjudicators- Richard Davies /Jeff Davies?

Jan Thomas was suggested for Art and also Emma , Chair of from Aber Arts Festival was suggested as suitable person to ask.Display of Art needs some thought. Red Square to be used/booked for the Eisteddfod period (Rosemary)

**(b) Lorrain asked about selling refreshments .**

**Kitchen available for some use.Specific times could be used for sale of items.**

**5. Adult Eisteddfod -5th July**

Update from Rhiannon.

**Fflur Wyn or Sian Meinir** -availability to be confirmed by Rhiannon.

**Steffan Rhys Hughes** (Welsh in the West End ) Rhiannon to confirm.

**Gary Owen** to be asked to Compere /do the literature competitions.

**Jeff Davies** could also possibly adjudicate Literature competitions.Ruth Lloyd was also suggested.

**Limerick and Welsh titles?** Eirwen set the titles last year.There was suggestion of **Carys Glyn** Setting the titles.

**Cyril Jones** to be contacted to do the titles for Mynediad /Sylfaen/Canolradd and Open.Welsh and English.He could be asked to adjudicate possibly?.

**Open Comp- English and Welsh**

 **Limerick and Poem in Welsh and Short story in Welsh.**

**6. Venue**

No firm decision. Maybe Chapel but Borough Theatre mentioned again but cost may make this unrealistic.We will contact to see what the possibilities are.

Borough Theatre is run by Mon Life. Person to contact is: mathewwooles@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Start times at the Chapel will need to be earlier.**Prelims to start at 9am and Evening finalists competition and Concert to start at 6pm.**

**7.Finance**

Chris summarised.

We have £3057.96 presently in the bank..

Liabilities: £350 and £150

Paul’s pianos have cashed their cheque.£50 has come from **Merched Y Wawr**.

Around £250 to come in from **Criw’r Efail** the amount has been promised.

Chris will need to close the Accounts for Auditors. **Awaiting Criw’r Efail**

**This last Year we spent £700 more than we got in**.

8**. Sponsors/Patrons**

It was suggested that we need to stick to one Name either Patrons or Sponsors and to have names printed on the programmes. Letters to go out bilingually. Back to back printed.

Sara Birch was happy with the draft. Lorrain and Rhiannon to get together to clarify the letter.

Patrons/businesses highlighted.

Programme with adverts mentione. Rewards could be reaped from new layout.

**(6) AOB-**

2 other Pop Up cafes dedicated to the Eisteddfod will take place next Year. Rhiannon will inform us of the timings.

Nicola and Rosemary to get together to discuss titles for schools and will look at Urdd 2025 titles for ideas. Schools will need titles before Christmas .

**Next Meeting will be 9 th December at the Trading Post/Y Bwyty at 11.30am DOWNSTAIRS at the back . Nicola has booked it.**