

Greener Tywyn Committee Meeting Minute When: 10am – 12 noon, Friday 9th March 2018

In attendance: Sara Waddington, Joanna Houseman, Mat Gasquet, Heather Broster, Heather Garret (minutes), Richard Garret.

Apologies: Liz Hutchinson, IO'D, Chris Broster. **Agenda**

1. Community group constitution

The following mission statement was agreed for inclusion in the constitution.

“Our mission is to act as an instrument of positive environmental change in the Dyfi and Dysynni valleys. We are a non-profit voluntary group intent upon raising awareness of and encouraging action to support environmentally sustainable solutions against global climate change. We aim to foster the well-being of future generations by engaging and working alongside our local communities”.

The constitution was based on a master copy supplied by CW, Mantell Gwynedd and we amended the following text:

D first paragraph: fee set at £5. Membership lasts one year. E2: Seven members present. F2: decisions will be met through consensus.

This draft constitution was circulated to all the committee members in preparation for its acceptance at the next meeting on Friday 16th March 2018. **Action Point: HG.**

2. Community group bank account

JLH researched ethical community bank accounts and found there were few that were suitable:

Co-op Community Direct Plus account – community group needs to be a registered charity to qualify for this account.

Barclays - which has a Tywyn branch but scores the worst ethical rating from Ethical Consumer.

Ecology Building Society – not accepting new business.

Triodos – no card, cheque book, no fees & online transfers only

The Charities Aid Foundation Bank is a cash account run through HSBC & there is a £5 monthly tee.

No decision made at the meeting because further information is required. **Ac/on Point:** All – carried forward.

Ac/on Point: HG to ask CW whether we can use a PO box instead of a committee member address for GTG. Her reply: banks usually require the Treasurer's address.

Ac/on Point: HG to ask CW if electronic signatures are acceptable on the constitution. Her reply – No, we must sign in pen.

Committee nominations

Chair - Richard Garret

Secretary – Joanne Houseman

Treasurer – Sara Waddington

Agreed for a 12 month term of office.

Agreed that Committee minutes would be public and our agendas & minutes would be available on the website for members to read.

Action Point: Arrange AGM in March 2019.

AOB & DATE OF NEXT MEETING – please bring your diary. Agenda items for Friday 16th March 2018.

Sign the constitution (is this a photo opportunity? Anyone have an oversize pen or large ostrich feather quill we could use for a publicity shot?)

Select a bank account.

Plan BYO (& Olio) campaign.