



## Cynghrair SEIRIOL Alliance

Cofnodion 16th March 2023 Minutes

### TRUSTEES Meeting at Beaumaris Library

**Present:** Alun Foulkes, Alwyn Rowlands, Barbara Williams, Di Bell, Rob Macaulay and Steve MacVicar

**Apologies:** Ifan Morgan, Jan Owens, Robert Townsend

Barbara and Rob welcomed to their first meeting as new trustees.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting** (31/10/22) accepted as accurate recording.

#### **Completed Actions:**

**Action:** Explore obtaining grants including through the “levelling-up” agenda to ensure we obtain significant funding for the Seiriol area’s future development **DONE** (see main below re SPF application)

**Action:** Consider approaching youth and other groups to offer training sessions **DONE** (Rhian has approached all local groups and training being arranged)

**Action:** It was unanimously resolved to make a grant payment of £500 **DONE** Payment made to the Puffin

**Action:** Steve to discuss options to ensure future sustainability with the Puffin team **DONE** Steve has discussed with the Puffin team and explored ways of increasing bilingual representation in the publication to increase chances of other sources of grants. Canolfan Beaumaris are making a donation of £500 and the editorial team are applying to BTC for support. There isn’t an appetite at present for charging readers.

**Action:** Steve to approach Rob Macaulay to ask him if he would be interested in joining the Alliance as a trustee. **DONE**

#### **Uncompleted Actions no longer applicable**

**Action:** Consider keeping a reserve supply of replacement defibrillator pads in the Canolfan *No longer relevant as best if all new defibrillators are purchased through WAST who replace pads and batteries free of charge.*

**Action:** Plan a series of training sessions in the Seiriol area in the autumn with a variety of timings including late Sunday afternoon to enable as large a number of people to attend as possible *Rhian is going to arrange more defibrillator training sessions for 2023*

### **Actions still to be done**

**Action:** Ask Rhian Hughes to design and obtain suitable logo/sign/sticker for publicity

**Action:** Consider multiformat publicity of future training including social media, emails, posters, road signage, banners, WhatsApp group etc

**Action:** Ask Rhian to arrange a programme of training for 2023

**Action:** Contact Menter Môn and Anglesey County Council to see what plans are in place (if any) for local energy projects

**Action:** Steve to arrange bank transfer of £240 to the Seiriol Men's Shed account.

**Action:** Steve to explore option of leasing a minibus rather than buy one

**Action:** Steve to put in order for new minibus to get on the waiting list (currently 12 months). Order can be cancelled.

**Action:** Steve to add Jan and Ifan as signatories to our NatWest accounts

### **Matters arising from previous minutes:**

Alun asked if the Community Cycle Ride is still going ahead this year: it is still intended for it to happen in July.

## **2. Chair's Report**

Rhian Hughes' post as Intergenerational Development Officer discussed.

- Future funding uncertain. She is funded by the Regional Intergration Fund (RIF). Funding has been continued for another 3 months but future funding uncertain. Because Rhian was seconded to Medrwn Môn in a Local Asset Coordinator (LAC) role for most of 2022, the Seiriol Alliance has accumulated just over £22,000 for her role which will enable us to continue paying her for a year if funding is stopped.
- There are ongoing discussions with Medrwn Môn regarding Rhian's role and they might support her undertaking some LAC type activity as well as her current responsibilities. Lyndsey at Medrwn Môn felt it would be "cleaner" for future funding if the Alliance employed Rhian directly rather than through the Canolfan Beaumaris payroll.
- Option of the Alliance taking over direct employment responsibilities and creating its own payroll discussed. Currently we pay £30 a month to the Canolfan for administration of Rhian's salary on their payroll.
- Cysylltu Seiriol Connect Project and the Share Prosperity Fund (SPF) grant application (Agenda item 4) undertaken as part of the wider discussion of Rhian's post. If successful the intention is to employ more people to work in the Seiriol community including a Network Manager, 2 Community Development Officers and an Engagement and Marketing Officer.
- Rhian is currently off sick but is making a good recovery from an operation. She is on full pay as per her contract and there are no plans at the moment to employ anyone else as sickness cover as it is hoped she will return to work in a few weeks.

Conclusions from discussion

- Best to keep Rhian's post on the Canolfan payroll for the foreseeable future, though there are

some concerns that £30 a month is quite a lot to pay for this.

- If the Cysylltu Seiriol Connect Project funding application is successful it was generally felt that the Seiriol Alliance would be an ideal organisation to oversee the project to ensure that it benefits the whole Seiriol area. The preferred arrangement would be that the Seiriol Alliance employs the Project's staff itself but, to avoid duplication, outsources payroll and HR functions to Canolfan Beaumaris or another local provider.
- Further discussions will depend on the outcome of grant applications and future funding sources.

Alwyn mentioned that he has identified another possible source of funding. The LAG has £47,000 still to spend before the end of March. He will keep us informed.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Steve updated the trustees on the current financial situation.

The Good Turn Scheme has started raising money for a minibus with wheelchair provision for up to 4 wheelchairs if required. There is a serious shortage of these types of minibus both new and second hand. A new diesel engined version would cost around £45,000. The treasurer has opened a new 95 day access account with NatWest in order to obtain some interest return (currently 1.5%). £9,000 was transferred from the Good Turn Scheme account to open this new saver account. A further £9,000 was transferred to the save account from the Seiriol Alliance account after a misunderstanding. As the Seiriol Alliance account balance is so healthy at the moment it was felt reasonable to keep the money in the saver account.

Balances on day of meeting:

Seiriol Alliance Account:	£29,614.79p
Good Turn Scheme:	£ 4,350.53p
Seiriol Alliance 95 day access Saver Account:	£18,019.38p

Steve explained that the £29,614.79p in the Seiriol Alliance Account and £9,000 in the Saver Account includes approximately £25,000 accrued money for Rhian's post and £5,000 for the Warm Spaces scheme. There is therefore around £8,000 available for grants and other uses.

It was proposed by Robert outside this meeting that we should have two more signatories on our bank accounts. Steve has already asked Janet Mortimer who serves on the Good Turn Scheme Steering Group and Ifan if they would mind being added as signatories. They have both agreed. To add them proposed by Steve and passed unanimously by everyone present.

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### **4. Grant Application**

**One application** received from Seiriol Men's Shed

All trustees very supportive of the application.

It was proposed (Rob) and seconded (Alun) and unanimously agreed that we should pay a grant of £240.

**Action:** Steve to arrange bank transfer of £240 to the Seiriol Men's Shed account.

## 5. Cyslltu Seiriol Connect

Recent SPF application discussed as per notes above under Chair's Report. Beaumaris Town Council have also put in an application to the SPF. Agreed that we need to await the outcome of the applications and then work together on future developments for the benefit of the Seiriol area.

## 6. AOB

**Action:** Steve to explore option of leasing a minibus rather than buy one

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Rob raised and proposed two important roles for the Seiriol Alliance

- The need for collaboration between all organisations including businesses in the Seiriol area to ensure shared information and promotion. An up to date source of information including a website to include a comprehensive diary of events and activities. Early development of the touch screen information computer in the library demonstrated by Steve.
- Support for local organisations with grant applications

It was agreed by all that these should be priorities for the Alliance.

*Date of Next Meeting: TBC*