

Meeting of Girlguiding Clwyd Executive Committee

Wednesday 29th June 2011

Present:

Jane Bevan	County Commissioner
Alison Willington	Assistant County Commissioner & Chair of Guiding Programme
Megan Jones	Assistant County Commissioner & County Treasurer
Chris Wykes	Chairman of Adult Support & Training
Isabel Blore	Division Commissioner Wrexham
Lynn Denney	Division Commissioner South Denbighshire
Donna Jones	Division Commissioner West Flintshire
Margaret Lusted	Division Commissioner Colwyn
Ann Egan	Representing Colwyn Division
Alison Roberts	Division Commissioner for Berwyn Division
Debra Smith	Division Commissioner North Denbighshire
Helene Wilce (Warren)	Division Commissioner for East Flintshire
Chris Jobson	Chair of Public Relations
Ashleigh Woodland	Llais y Ddraig Representative

In attendance: Karen Evans County Executive Administrator

Apologies: Mary Steele

1. Jane welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Minutes of the last meeting (Wed 20th April) – some amendments made then, confirmed and agreed as being correct. Signed by Jane Bevan
3. Appointments and Resignations:
 - a) **UK** – Jane Garside died last week
 - b) **Wales** – nothing to report
 - c) **Council** – Megan Jones and Alice Lovegrove appointed to GG Council for Wales
 - d) **County** –
 - a. **Appointments**
 - i. Babs Smith – Camp and Residential Adviser
 - ii. Margaret Hillman - Camp and Residential Administrator
 - iii. Helene Wilce (Warren) – Queens Guide Adviser
 - b. **Resignations**
 - i. Margaret Clarkson – Senior Section Adviser

ii. Karen Morris – Environment Adviser

4. Matters Arising

- a) **Bank Accounts** – Lists of those details still outstanding distributed via email – please send Meg any outstanding information **(ACTION DIV COMMS AND DISTRICT COMMS TO CHASE AS MATTER OF URGENCY)**
- b) **Residential Forms** - these are under review by UK. County guidelines on completing residential forms have been sent to division and district commissioners. In county these forms must be sent to the county administrator so she can collate figures for inclusion in the annual report. Also if a test is required a copy of these forms should be sent to the county residential adviser although contact should have been made with Babs when the individual is thinking about doing a residential qualification. A discussion took place on the residential forms and the problems and concerns people have. A suggestion was made that a copy of our guidelines are sent to Wales/UK. Any feedback on the forms should be sent to Alison Willington. **(ACTION DIV COMMS AND DISTRICT COMMS)**
- c) **County Website** updated thanks to Steffi. Please continue to send things to Steffi for inclusion in the Bulletin. Someone in the county is still needed to work alongside Steffi to produce the bulletin. **(ACTION DIV COMMS AND DISTRICT COMMS TO CHASE AS MATTER OF URGENCY)**
- d) **Planning Meeting/Rising Dates** – Many thanks to everyone who attended the planning meeting. Rising Dates have now been put together. Please remember to inform Karen when you are planning your meetings so the rising dates can be kept up to date. **(ACTION EVERYONE)**
- e) **New Leaders/Units** – Please send list to Jane of all new units and Leaders within the last twelve months
- f) **Llais y Ddraig Nominations** – Ashleigh Woodland now sitting on Llais y Ddraig but two further nominations needed. **(ACTION DIV COMMS AND DISTRICT COMMS TO CHASE AS MATTER OF URGENCY)**
- g) **County Roles Available (ACTION DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMISSIONERS, Chairs of Committees – names to Jane Bevan)**
1. Recruitment team and co-ordinator
 2. Photography Co-ordinator
 3. PR Team Members
 4. Outdoor Activities Adviser
 5. Senior Section Adviser
 6. County Bulletin Co-ordinator (job share with Steffi)
 7. Security team and Co-ordinator
 8. Environment Adviser
 9. Arts Adviser

10. County Fundseakers Team

h) **Ty Clwyd Roles (ACTION DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMISSIONERS)**

1. Grounds Manager
2. Maintainnce Manager
3. Maintenance Team Members
4. Ty Clwyd PR Co-ordinator
5. Meet and Greet Team Members
6. Cleaning Team Members

i) **Qualifications, Long Service & Awards** – Jane has now received all the badges for the awards, please contact her with dates when it is suitable for her to come and present the badges. **(ACTION DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMISSIONERS)**

j) **County Weekend Format** - County Weekend – Bron 2012 – Chris Wykes has booked Bron for 2012. 9th-11th March 2012 What format would people like to the weekend? Do people want to come just for the day or do they want to stay overnight? Do they want a whole weekend or two separate days? **(ACTION DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMISSIONERS)**

k) **Wrexham Eisteddfod** – Area booked for Girlguiding Clwyd for the week along with 3 passes to get onto the field. Please contact Isobel Blore with when you are free to be able to man the stall. Please ask around in your districts for help.

5. Division News:

Berwyn: Many units have been fundraising this term. Chirk held a bring and buy sale and had a stall at the summer fete raising £250. Llangollen have done a sponsored jelly wellie walk so far raising £80. One unit has had a pack holiday at Ty Clwyd. Ruabon Brownies and Guides held a garden Party. A new leader is joining Llangollen Brownies. Rhos Brownies have attended the fire station and the Police Station and both the Rainbows and Brownies have completed the royal wedding challenge and almost completed the Beyond the Duck Challenge.

Colwyn: 1st Colwyn Bay Guides attended a unit camp at Ty Clwyd which was a great success. There were a few first timers who are desperate to go again. They enjoyed watching the Guiders and a couple of parents putting up the last tent and getting completely soaked. They are supporting the RSPB on the weekend of 31st July by taking part in the Conwy Reserve Supporters 100 walk for 100 years of RSPB Cymru. They also completed the Make Nature Count Survey. The girls completed the Royal Wedding Challenge and also the Pirate Challenge. Ann Egan is attending the Wales Camp at Ynysgain with about 6 girls from the unit. Also congratulations to Ann for completing her MIDAS training. 8th Colwyn Bay Rainbows have completed the Royal Wedding Challenge and the Pirate Challenge. 3rd Colwyn Bay Rainbows have gained their Royal Wedding Badges and are now working towards Teddy tastic. Llandrillo yn Rhos Rainbows are working hard for their Beyond the Duck Challenge. 1st Llandrillo yn Rhos held a sleepover at Ty Clwyd as part of their 80th birthday celebrations. Llanddulas Brownies have given ideas to Sophie Eckett (one of Guiders Daughters) who has written a small book which she has printed and designed a cover for. Each Brownie has their own

copy. They have all completed their outdoor skills badge and are now working on their Royal Wedding Challenge and also their Out of Doors Challenge. Llanddulas Rainbows are now writing their own book, they are also working on the royal wedding and out of doors challenges. Llanddulas Guides held a campfire on Llanddulas beach. 1st response Training has been arranged for 23rd July. The brownie Guiders have decided they would like to hold an old fashioned brownie revels and this takes place on a Friday in September.

North Denbighshire:

Rhyl District Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Guiders recently took part in a sponsored walk in aid of CLIC and to date have raised just over £1000. 11th Rhyl Guides also took part in the British Heart Foundation Cycle Ride. 5th Rhyl Brownies have recently received a grant of £500 for match funding from HSBC. 5th Rhyl Guides went on camp during May at Ty Clwyd. Rhyl District will be taking part in Rhyl Carnival on 31st July 2011. 4th Rhyl Brownies and 5th Rhyl Brownies are going on Pack Holiday to Ty Clwyd in July and August. Prestatyn District Brownies have held sleepovers with a disco at upper hall Prestatyn.

South Denbighshire – All the units have been very busy with the challenges that are on going at the moment. Some Units have completed the Royal Wedding challenge, most ending with parties always a popular activity. The Duck challenge is on going and Llandyrnog Brownies have finished it already. Some units are doing the Tartan Challenge and hope to finish before the summer holidays. 1st Denbigh Guides went to London for the day. Three Guides had a terrific BP Adventure when they joined others from North Wales going to Liverpool. The District raised over £800 at their annual bag packing event. All this going on whilst girls are still working for interest badges, completing Brownies Adventures, and Go for Its.

West Flintshire: Holywell Guides - restarting in September, Carmel Rainbows closing in September Llanasa Rangers – Progressive feast. Starters, main course and puddings at different Rangers houses, and they cycled to the next venue between courses. Also chocolate craft with outside speaker who helped them to temper chocolate, make truffles and coat with chocolate and pipe designs. (More's the pity it wasn't me on the leader rota that night!!) Llanasa Guides Meet on wheels – bikes, skateboard, scooters and roller blades to Rhyl and back. Also made and decorated a fantastic maypole before learning traditional maypole dances. Carmel, Northop & Mold Guides/ Senior section going to Ty Clwyd in September. Flint Guides and Brownies have Pack holiday and Camp in the summer holidays

East Flintshire: All Districts are mostly full, happy and active. The experiences, challenges, camps, holidays and fun that the girls enjoy is all down to the commitment and enthusiasm of their leaders – BUCKLEY Four Brownie Units have completed Pack Holidays in Ty Clwyd and Chirk. Mynydd Isa Rainbows are looking forward to a sleepover at Chirk in July. Mynydd Isa Guides are off to Austria in August and are still doing their fundraising. Bistre Guides are off on camp in July. Chris had a great time with some of her brownies and leaders at the Royal Wedding. Ashleigh Woodland has started her Queens Guide. DEESIDE Margaret Hinton passed her First Aiders' Training Qualification. The Rainbows have had a sleepover. Shotton Brownies had their Pack Holiday in Pax Lodge in London. Connahs Quay Brownies have had their Pack Holiday in Ty Clwyd. Wepre Brownies' numbers have doubled. Shotton Guides enjoyed their Pyromania Night. Wepre Guides have been outdoor cooking. Eleanor Cartwright has her Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition in August. Two of Connahs Quay

Rangers have their Silver expedition this summer. HAWARDEN Many Units have booked for the Panto. Hawarden Brownies & Guides are at Ty Clwyd in June where Gemma is doing her licence. Units have been completing Community Service in the Church Yard. The Guides are having a combined Camp with a Unit from Northampton as the guiders met at Waddow last year! HOPE One Rainbow unit has completed their Beyond the Duck Challenge. Three Units are joining together for a fun day next weekend. One Rainbow and one Brownie Unit enjoyed a visit from the North Wales Firebus – and the guiders thoroughly recommends it! A Fireman and a Firelady come on the bus and chat to the girls about fire safety, it's about an hour – it's free and the girls get goodies. North Wales Fire Service website – education package.

Wrexham: Two busloads of girls from all sections enjoyed a day at the West Midlands Safari Park in May. 74 Guides attended a Division Guide Activity Day at Cox Wood. Activities included: abseiling, BMX bikes, crate stacking, archery, shooting, gokarts and a bouncy castle. Several units took part in the Mayors Civic Sunday Procession to St. Giles Church on 19th June. Yale District had over 130 girls at their district campfire. Garden Village Brownies held a sponsored Singing evening learning lots of new songs and raised £158.85 for Asthma UK. Some of Gresford Guides went to London for the Royal Wedding and had a wonderful vantage point. They are now planning to visit for the Jubilee next year. Two brownie units have had pack holidays. Units are working on a variety of badges. Visits have taken place to Nant Mill, Alyn Waters, Moss Valley Park, Caergwrle Castle, Erddig and Chirk Castle. The Division National Trust card has been in use with the good weather and also the new division cameras have been out to approx 6 units and were used on the guide day too. The Wrexham HQ AGM has taken place, with the election of officers this was followed by a race night fundraiser. A sausage sizzle fundraiser has been held at Wrexham HQ. A grant has been received this will pay for new handbooks for each unit and other resources as well as first aid, fire and food hygiene training/

6. **Treasurers Report** – Tabled. Thanks to Merle for examining the county accounts over the years. A new person is now needed please contact Meg if you know of anyone who may be interested. Discussion took place on the county Environment badges. A further 500 to be ordered. The county standard badges are also to be reordered, it was agreed to purchase 1000 with a new red border.
7. **PR Team** – Report tabled. County agreed to the purchase of a fire extinguisher for the trailer.
8. **Adult Support & Training** – report tabled.
9. **Guiding Programme** – report tabled. Thanks from Gemma Lee to Alison, Helen Barham and Babs Smith for the county cookout training. Alison has sent out a questionnaire re county events. This is to be given to all guiders and returned to Alison by 20th August. **(ACTION DIVISION AND DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS)**
10. **Llais y Ddraig** – names to Jane Bevan please. Next meeting is at Bron 2nd-4th September. Weekend consists of a games evening, executive and BYCE where members discuss issues.
11. **Clecs Clwyd** – names to County Commissioner and Senior Section Adviser **(ACTION ALL)**

12. Ty Clwyd Report
- Managers Report tabled

13. County Commissioners Report
a) Correspondence

Letters – donation of £50 from Jeanne Thompson – vice president

Talkback sheets – none received

Visits – GG Angelsey AGM

Invites – Clwyd Area Scouts AGM

b) Girlguiding Clwyd

Movers and Shakers going to Pax Lodge 8th-20th April 2012, anyone interested contact Ann Ashworth, 21 booked in to date.

Jane will be contacting those people coming up to 65 to hold reviews

County Commissioner Friendship Badge, it was agreed that the county would produce a woven badge which could be given out by the county commissioner

There is lottery funding available and we need to look into how it is best to tap into it. Anyone interested please contact Jane.

Discussion took place on having one particular day in the week when emails and flyers are sent out. One person in the county would collate all this information and send it all out together. Some people felt it was a good idea, some people felt it would be off putting to some people. Division Commissioners to take discussion back to Districts and report feedback at the next executive meeting **(ACTION DIVISION AND DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS)**

- **Girlguiding Cymru**

Dragon Tails – on Girlguiding Cymru website

Scrap book from our Centenary Year on GG Cymru Website

Literature on breast cancer walks passed around executive

Trefoil Guild AGM to be held in Wrexham next year, Only full and affiliate membership available from 2012 – subscription being the same.

Royal Welsh – 36 people going (anyone from Clwyd?) In future this will be open to all in Wales. First come first served with at least one girl from the host county attending. Preference will be given to girls from the host county. Booking will be through GG Cymru. County will pay for t shirts Wales will pay for transport and accommodation.

Think Big – no entries so far, its not difficult to apply

Queens Guides – Those that have finished but have not yet been to a presentation will have to attend a presentation event during 2012 or they will be taken off the list.

MPs are being encouraged to take up 12 hour challenge

Mentors Training Weekend at Bron on the 11th November has been changed to 23rd-25th Sept

Girlguiding Cymru and Bron – Girlguiding Cymru Staff and Bron Staff are to merge into one. Girlguiding Cymru Staff will be moving from the lodge to the coach house. The lodge will then be spruced up and available for letting out, generating much needed income. Volunteer roles and organisational structure of GG Cymru is under review. Fire escape and re wiring works will commence soon at Bron.

- **Girlguiding UK**

Census data will be pulled on 22nd February 2012 that will be the final count.

Trefoil Guild UK AGM to be held in Cardiff 16th June at St. Davids Hall

There will be a parents mailing on 29th September which will include events coming up, links to trading and information on the five essentials

National Honours – not enough from guiding please consider people to put forward

Is there an issue with the Brownie Programme? – feedback needed (**ACTION DIVISION AND DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS**)

Membership figures 2011 – 530,000 we are still largest uniformed Youth organisation, 1214 units in Wales. Almost 80,000 Rainbows, 215,000 brownies, over 120,000 guides over 20,000 senior section over 110,000 adult leaders. 1 in 8 girls in the UK are in Rainbows, 1 in 5 girls are in brownies 1 in 10 girls are in guides and over 2% of girls aged 15 are involved in guiding.

- **Any other Business**

Jane to organise RSPB Day

Discussion took place as to which committee it would be more beneficial for Chair of Trefoil to sit. It was agreed they are to sit on the executive committee. Jane to contact Brenda Trickett to inform her.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting – 14th September Ty Clwyd 7.30 p.m.

NB: ALL Divisions should be represented at County Executive Meetings

If you can not attend a County Executive Meeting please make sure that you inform the County Executive Administrator of your apologies AND who will be representing you at the meeting.

Dates Girlguiding Clwyd Executive meetings will be:

14th September 2011 – Ty Clwyd

26th October 2011 - Bryn Awel