

Meeting of Girlguiding Clwyd Executive Committee

Wednesday 24th November 2010

Present:

Alison Willington	Assistant County Commissioner & Chair Of Guiding Programme
Chris Wykes	Chairman of Adult Support & Training
Chris Jobson	PR and Recruitment
Mary Turner	Chairman of Ty Clwyd Management Committee
Isabel Blore	Division Commissioner Wrexham
Denise Morris	Division Commissioner Berwyn
Donna Jones	Division Commissioner West Flintshire
Margaret Lusted	Division Commissioner for Colwyn
Alison Roberts	Berwyn Division
Debra Smith	Division Commissioner for North Denbighshire
Helene Wilce (Warren)	Division Commissioner for East Flintshire
Mary Steele	County President
Beth Taylor	Representing South Denbighshire Division

In attendance: Karen Evans County Executive Administrator

Apologies: Jane Bevan, Lynn Denney, Megan Jones

1. Alison welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed her thanks to everyone for giving up their time
2. Minutes of the last meeting (Wed 22nd Sept) –confirmed and agreed as being correct. Signed by Alison Willington
3. Appointments and Resignations:
 - a) **UK** – None known
 - b) **Wales** – Jane Prigg Rainbow Adviser
 - c) **Council** – Nominations needed asap, for 1 year appointments
 - d) **County** – Appointments

Babs Smith – County Large Scale Events Adviser

Linda Evans – County ALQ Co-ordinator and Verifier (all ALQ books now to go to Linda not to Helen Barham)

4. Matters Arising
 - a) **County Directory** – list emailed out of contact details of everyone on programme team. Jane has a bigger directory that she will be sending out but is not in its correct format as yet

- b) **Wrexham HQ Constitution** - the revised constitution was brought again to the executive committee much discussion took place, suggestions for improvement were made so as to allow the constitution to make sense. Jane to be informed of changes the executive committee suggested and to take back to Wrexham HQ again
- c) **Bank Accounts** – Lists of those details still outstanding distributed via email – please send Meg any outstanding information
- d) **County Bulletin** - latest edition is now on county website to be downloaded. If anyone requires a paper copy of the bulletin please send name and address to Karen Evans
- e) **Residential Events** – Large Scale event forms to go to Babs Smith, all other residential forms to Margaret Hillman. District and Division Commissioners must check that the people running the holiday has the relevant qualifications or if they need an assessment.
- f) **Subscription and Go 2011** – Go must be updates. All details must go on, some units are not wanting to put girl information on database and are using 'brownie 1' 'brownie 2' e.t.c. this is not acceptable. Spot checks are being carried out so please ensure it is up to date. Whoever puts new volunteers onto go are responsible for chasing up references and CRB's there are many people on the system that have references outstanding please could division and district commissioners check. If anyone has any queries about Go please get in touch with Karen Evans
- g) **Qualifications, Long Service and Awards** – Chris Wykes is responsible for all UK and Wales awards. Next closing date for nominations of these awards is 21st February 2011, please consider people in your area for awards. Jane is responsible for County Thanks Badges. Congratulations sent to Denise Morris for receiving the Chief Commissioner Award. Please send list of all new qualifications obtained to Ann Jackson
- h) **Clecs Clwyd & Llais Y Ddraig** – No report

5. Division News:

Berwyn: All units celebrated Vision in various ways from campfire party, photo shoot, disco, craft, belly dancing, and firework display. Overton Brownies also had a girl make her promise in Spain at the same time Louise Clark obtained her Large Scale Event Licence following a very successful Brownie Sleepover at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre. Units have been to Techniquet, taking part in Remembrance Sunday Parades and two Rangers in Chirk have been awarded their Chief Guide Challenge Badges and Certificates.

North Denbighshire: 5th Rhyl Guides have been awarded £1800 from Talacre Grant Scheme. This has been used to purchase a large mess tent with tables and chairs, two dining shelters and a fire shelter. Rhyl District held a Christmas concert on 21/11/10 and raised £287 for district. 5th Rhyl Brownies are holding a chocolate Bingo night. Rhyl Guides are bag packing in Sainsbury's and Morrison's in December. Rhyl Rainbows are having a Quiz Night and a Christmas Fun day.

8th Rhyl Guides has had to close due to low numbers. Rhyl and Prestatyn Districts are in the process of arranging recruitment days/evenings. Prestatyn District are taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival and Lighting up Christmas.

South Denbighshire – Henllan brownies and Guides held 100 birthday party for anyone who had been a Brownie or Guide in Henllan. Afternoon tea with slide show and singing. Division had a successful Vision event and welcomed the County President to their event they joined up with the centenary linked. Trefnant guides have had 9 new girls the BP guides organised and ran a centenary fancy dress party and raised £16 for guide friendship fund. Units took party in Remembrance Parades.

West Flintshire: Held Centenary Finale Parties in Flint & Gwernnafield – well attended. Leeswood Rangers held an auction of promises. Rhiannon Parry of Llanasa Rangers was close runner up in the all-Wales public speaking competition at Bron Her prepared subject was "A womans place is in the home", and the off-the-cuff was "an event that has changed my life". 2nd Holywell Guides has closed, but the existing guides & guiders have stayed in Guiding, there is interest in getting a Rainbow unit started in Halkyn. Flint District held an additional Centenary Party. Guiders 'Jewellery Making' sleepover 19th November. Division Christmas Dinner booked for 25th November

East Flintshire: Vision events took place across division. Hope and Hawarden held a campfire at the Gladstone Centre. Buckley had a formal Service and Deeside had a disco where previous guides have returned following the event. There is now a new DC for Hawarden. 3 units have attended PGL Holidays. There are three carol services planned in district. And the division are developing an air and share programme within the district.

Colwyn – Old Colwyn Rainbows Brownies and Guides held a campfire on 20/10/2010, trefoil members were invited and had a good time. 3rd Old Colwyn Brownies held a sleepover. 2nd Llandrillo yn Rhos Brownies have been given money to buy a camera from North Wales Police. Colwyn Bay Guides have completed their Music Zone Badge whilst Colwyn Bay Brownies have been working towards their First Aid Badge. 8th Colwyn Bay Brownies and 1st Colwyn Bay Guides have been invited to Abbeydale Nursing Home to perform Christmas Songs for the Residents. Llandulas Rainbows Brownies and Guides are holding their annual Christmas Concert on 30th November. Llandulas Rainbows and Brownies were given a surprise donation of over £700 from a community golf tournament held in the village xxx

Wrexham: Division had a successful brownie sleepover at Plas Madoc. Barbara Jones was awarded her large scale events licence. A division Vision event was held had the William Aston Hall with units performing a variety of entertainment from singing to drumming, dancing etc. Three Guides in Coedpoeth have completed their BP award. 1st Acton Brownies are celebrating their 30th Birthday. A few rainbows are celebrating 20th birthdays too. 7th Wrexham Brownies and Guides visited Techniquet. Brynteg Units held a harvest festival in their local church. All three Brynteg Groups have been awarded the 'Services to the Community' group award at the annual Broughton awards evening. Their leader Barbara Jones was also awarded with the Lifetime Achievement award for services to community and guiding. Kath Jackson Brown Owl for Garden Village was involved in a car accident but she is now home albeit on crutches.

6. Treasurers Report – Tabled

7. Marketing & Recruitment (PR) –

A recruitment team is needed within the county as the job is too big for one person. The team would meet once a year and keep in contact via email. A representative is needed from each district/division or whoever in your area would be most suitable. Please send names to Chris Jobson via email owljobson2000@yahoo.co.uk.

Trailer – We now have a contact person for the trailer – Pat Forshaw – Address 16 Lon Alun, Colomendy, Denbigh LL16 5YB 01745 814359 email forshaw66@btinternet.com. If anyone else is willing to tow the trailer please contact Pat if you need to book a date for using the trailer book early. A person who lives near Ty Clwyd is needed to check the trailer after it has been used – anyone interested contact Chris Jobson. There will be a flyer in the New Year letting you know more about the trailer.

Shows – Flint and Denbigh Show – we have been asked if Senior Section would be willing to sell programmes next year. County executive felt this was acceptable. Chris to let organisers know.

Photography – Team are looking for a person to look after the photography team, it does not need to be someone in guiding.

For more information on any of the above please contact Chris Jobson

8. Membership Support & Training

• Report Tabled

• In 2012 CHQ are withdrawing funding from Broneirion therefore grants will no longer be available for trainings. As a county we said we would have a training in 2012. Obviously the lack of funding will have implications on costs. Do county still want training at Broneirion? Do they want a weekend or do they want from Friday night to Saturday for one group of people then Saturday night to Sunday teatime for different group of people. This would allow more people to attend and also reduce the cost down for individuals. Feedback needed please.

• In other counties because guiders struggle to get to trainings they have a Flying Squad in Operation. One team of people will come to you meeting and run the meeting for you, whilst another team of people would run trainings with the unit guiders whilst this is happening. Do we think this would work in our county? Feedback to Chris please.

9. Guiding Programme

• Report and contact list tabled

• Committee have met – do county want a swimming gal? Vote taken – declined

• First planning meeting have taken place for cross sectional fun day at Ty Clwyd 9th July 2011.

Flyer coming out at next executive meeting

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10. Llais y Ddraig – names to Jane for representative please

11. Clecs Clwyd – names to Jane for representative please

12. Ty Clwyd Report

• Managers Report tabled

• Jane would like to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer to do jobs at Ty Clwyd big or small. Executive Committee suggested that Jane provide a list which can be distributed of all the jobs that need doing people more likely to put their name to them.

- Discussion took place on the costings for county events provided by the county for the county. Does this apply to events like fun days when the team arranging the event and the service team have to stay at Ty Clwyd the night before the event in order to get things ready and set up? This would be a large amount of money coming out of the budget. Fred felt this wasn't the case but would find out and clarify this.

13. County Commissioners Report Correspondence

- Letter and Postcard received from girls who have gone on international, distributed for executive to read
- Talk Back Sheets – none received, please encourage people to download from county website and send thoughts back to county
- Visits Jane has attended the two large scale sleepovers in the county along with Alison who visited the sleepover in Berwyn Division.
- Jane sends apologies for any event they may have missed over the summer.
- Invites Sarah Thomas, Megan Jones, and Lynn Denney attend St James Palace

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1. Fundraising Committee – recommendations were put to the executive committee from the fundraising committee and discussions took place. Recommendations were as follows
 - i. The committee should not be disbanded totally but should remain in some format to continue to raise much needed funds – **unanimously agreed**
 - ii. That the raffle should remain an annual event but should not be drawn before the middle of November allowing Guiders time to get back into the swing of things – **discussion took place was agreed that the raffle should be an annual even but should happen earlier in the year for example spring time. There are lots of Christmas raffle tickets around later in the year.**
 - iii. The exec should consider an annual Young Friends event to be held at Ty Clwyd. – **Discussion took place – it was felt the event should take place every three years, and should not coincide with the years County camp takes place.**
2. Jane would like to thank everyone who supported the Gala
3. Jane wants a list of all units which have opened in the last year, who the guiders are and who their mentors are.
4. Flow charts are being produced to help with guiding processes within the county e.g. ALQ, residential events e.t.c. if anyone feels there is a particular process in guiding which would benefit from a flow chart please send talkback into county.
5. Division Commissioners – please provide a list of all mentors in the division and who/what they can mentor e.g. Camps, Rainbow Residential, Brownie ALQ, Commissioners e.t.c

6. County Review – to be held in Berwyn Division on 20th May 2011 in the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall Dolywern.

7. Whitebox – information distributed

- **Girlguiding UK**

- CHQ notes – nothing to report

- **Girlguiding Cymru**

- Duck Challenge will be emailed out, units must register £1 per badge

- Cook Island Badges - Following fundraising that many units did towards the Cook Islands Promise Badges, feedback was received to ask if they could now have a cloth badge. It has been suggested to them that they have the metal badge as previously agreed and have a coloured ribbon under the badge to depict each section.

- Soroptomist – To become an annual event, congratulations to Clwyd's representative from Llanasa who came second.

- Girlguiding Cymru are looking for judges for the catch the moment competition. They need to judges preferably in the field of media and 2 judges who are leaders under 26

- **Any other Business**

A question was asked by a division Commissioner about division representatives for each section. They are not hearing anything from County advisers. Alison to follow up

Also question asked about Trefoil Chairperson and which sub committee they should sit on, to go back to Jane.

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 of who will be representing you at the meeting.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting – to follow