

Minutes of the meeting of BRACE held on 2nd July 2025 6.30pm

Present:	Lesley Sweet, Jackie Langston, Gary Northeast, John Dady, Diana Allen. Part-time – Rob Allen, Alison Alexander		
Apologies:	Alex Gilhespy, Femke Vorstman, Colin Hargis, Sue Dolman		
Chair:	John Dady	Minute taker:	Diana Allen
Matters arising from previous meeting	<p><u>Policies Review</u> – All ready to go onto the website – Alex. Once on the website share a link on in next Newsletter – Alan and on WhatsApp - ?</p> <p>With the H&S and GDPR policies we can seek additional support (PAVO?) if/when required.</p> <p>Risk assessments – these need to be carried out for any events we run plus each regular project should have one. Existing (and future) ones to be held on GoogleDrive (see later action re: access)</p> <p><u>Co-option of new member to Steering Group</u> – Femke officially co-opted at this meeting</p> <p><u>Leaflet update</u> – ongoing, adjustments have been made by Jackie and Alex. Once wording confirmed please send to Gary for Welsh translation with Eleri. Alex & Gary</p> <p>Possibly consider folded A4 as the quantity of text has increased.</p> <p><u>Website update</u> – ask Alex for an update and/or carry over. Gary to email Mesh Digital about the old (.cymru) domain</p> <p><u>Outreach spreadsheet</u> – ask Femke for an update and/or carry over</p> <p><u>Change of BRACE to Building Resilience and Community Engagement</u> – propose at AGM in October</p> <p><u>Zero Carbon Britain course</u> – Did Alex attend? Was it useful? – defer to next meeting</p> <p><u>CAT Articles</u> – no specific pointers for BRACE</p>		
Monthly Public Meetings	<p>April – Football Club and Pillars of BRACE - great success, busy with good engagement. Football Club section was positive, Alex sent a detailed report after the event – has there been any feedback from FC? Alex</p> <p>May – Rivers Group – cancelled</p> <p>June – held GBGW events instead</p> <p>July - has now been cancelled as the Town Council has scheduled an open meeting about Cae Bodfach on the same day</p> <p>Aug – no meeting</p> <p>24 Sep – Gary to contact Ben Mullen about Nature Recovery, possibility of him attending remotely with support from Gary and Alison in-person</p> <p>22 Oct - AGM</p> <p>26 Nov – Waste and recycling. Diana to organise someone from County level or play the recording from PACE online event (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-JuTHqUYRs from 1:44mins). Lesley to contact Jodi Griffin from Keep Wales Tidy, Jackie to contact Janet King</p> <p>Dec – social pre- Christmas?</p>		
Projects	<p><u>TrydaNi Car Scheme</u> – still only 7 registered for Llanfyllin. Start a list of those who think they have signed up to cross-check with TrydaNi – Diana</p> <p><u>BRACE Film</u> – Rob, Vlad and Dux have had 2 meetings and have an outline for the film. They now</p>		

	<p>need to add content and have been contacting possible contributors. Please invite Vlad to any upcoming events. All</p> <p>Rivers Group – it would be good if there could be a designated contact to the steering committee so we can keep abreast of what is happening</p>
Events	<p>GBGW – a great success, huge thanks to Femke for pulling the various activities together. Also to those who helped at St Myllins Day, at their usual weekly events, Emily and the team for working so hard to get the Community Garden ready for the Open Day, supporting the film From Labcoats to Handcuffs, and topping it off with the wonderful Open Garden and inaugural Clothing Swap event</p> <p>Summer Shows we could consider attending –</p> <p>2nd Aug – Llanrhaeadr 9th Aug – Llanfyllin 16th Aug – Llangynog 25th Aug – Llanfechain (BH) 25th Aug (?) Llansillin 30th Aug (?) – Penybontfawr Others?</p> <p>Lesley to discuss further with Femke</p>
Town Council Meeting re: Cae Bodfach 23rd July 2025	<p>We will send out communication to members (WhatsApp and email) encouraging them to think what is most important to them and for them to attend the meeting on 23rd July. We will also offer to take ideas and questions from members who can't attend in person (could be several as it is in the first week of school holidays)– John & Diana</p> <p>As the invite asks for ideas for Cae Bodfach (and as rumours are rife!) we will ask the Town Council for a copy of the Grant Application for the purchase to see what will be expected by the funders. We will also ask for an agenda and/or aims of the 23rd July meeting to be able to act as proxy for members who can't attend. We will also ask for copies of any stakeholder and/or sub-committee meetings – John & Diana</p> <p>We wondered how this will also fit within the Town Plan – Alison to forward a copy of the town Plan</p>
AOB	<p>Communication within BRACE and to the wider community – the responsibilities are not as clear as they were, mostly due to more people being involved in the various communication options (which is great) so it was agreed to arrange a meeting with as many of the relevant people as possible (including but not limited to: Alex, Femke, Alan, Fi, Alison) to create a clear strategy that can be updated as personnel change to keep communications as effective as we can. Lesley</p> <p>Old New Inn Quiz – Sun 31st Aug. David B has this slot available for BRACE so yes please! Need to decide what to use the funds for. One suggestion was a large 2nd hand mower for Dol Bron y Gaer that could belong in LoT. Other suggestions welcome.</p> <p>Googledrive – access is an issue as verification is not being sent to a current committee member. Diana to check with Alison to see if it is going to her, if so then get it changed. If not ..??</p> <p>October Apple event – Lesley to speak to Sue about possible date in October</p> <p>Dol Bronygaer – scything in September (dates tba – Gary) but as many helpers as possible needed</p>
Date of next meeting	<p>The next full steering meeting will be on Wed 6th Aug – 7pm Gary's (tbc with Alex and Femke)</p> <p>Interim meeting before 23rd July to discuss response from Town Council and how best to act as proxy for those unable to attend – date tbc</p>