

## **Minutes of meeting of Transition Town Llandeilo held on 08/01/2013 at the Angel, Llandeilo at 7.30 pm**

Present: Katka Dvorakova (chair), Patricia Dodd Racher, Gerry Gold, Nick Cater, Anson Allen, David Thorpe, John Gaffney, Peter Clark, Joan Clark, Valerie Wood-Gaiger (Learn with Grandma), Steve Brown

Apologies: Mags Nicholls

### AGM

The date was fixed for February 12<sup>th</sup>, upstairs at the Angel, from 7 pm. They have agreed that we can bring food but if so we must pay £50 to hire the room.

David suggested that the meeting addressing the issue of “What Should We Grow Now The Weather Is Chaotic?” involving Growing The Future could be combined with the AGM. John suggested that a talk on foraging by Valerie Wood Gaiger could be a backup.

**Steve to contact Growing the Future asap so that Pat can get a press release to The Post before the copy deadline.**

### Website

**David and Steve to meet to discuss the content of the new website.**

Llandeilo Food Network would like space on the site, and also a link to their Facebook page.

Various ideas were mentioned for finding a regular translator – Anson mentioned Dai Jones’ daughter, and the AGM could be used to recruit a translator. **Steve had an offer some time ago from someone in Llangadog which he should follow up.**

### Films

The World According to Monsanto : This was due to be shown at Gelli Aur on 26<sup>th</sup> January, but Jessica Wecker has reported that the Cadog Film Club no longer has a portable screen, and without this the screening cannot go ahead.

**Steve to contact the Llangadog Community Centre to find out when that would be available for hire.**

Taste the Waste : Hiring this will cost us €220. Katka pointed out that CCC is linking up with the national ‘Love Food Hate Waste’ campaign – see

<http://www.recycleforcarmarthenshire.com/English/LoveFoodHateWaste/Pages/LoveFoodHateWaste.aspx>

**John to contact Eurgain Powell to see whether a grant would be available from Carmarthenshire Community Challenge or Love Food Hate Waste.** A grant might support a whole film season!

Recipes for Disaster : **Katka to contact Millenium Films in Helsinki, the production company**

Chasing The Ice : John and Steve to try to see in Builth this month

### Tipping Points

A meeting will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> January to finalise the press release for a further public meeting.

### Provisions Market

The group will meet with Menter Bro Dinefwr on January 22<sup>nd</sup> to hear about their proposal for the market. The outcome of the appeal by Gwalia to the Welsh government is still awaited.

### Funding subgroup events

Llandeilo Growers asked to be reimbursed for a meeting held at the Civic Hall, from Transition Town Llandeilo funds. It was agreed that we would do this but that agreement for reimbursing expenses should in future be sought in advance from the Secretary and Treasurer.

### Llandeilo Growers

The group is almost ready to launch the first stage of their public survey. A link to the electronic version of this will be made available on our website. **Steve to include a mention of this in a newsletter.**

The deadline for this survey is fairly short and should appear on the survey form.

### Llandeilo Food Network

Pat and Katka are working on a directory of local producers. There was a discussion of what “local” means. Peter said that farmers’ markets use a 30 mile radius of the market to mean “local”, and also that producers are described as

“primary” or “secondary” where “secondary” indicates a product like chocolates that are made locally from non-local ingredients.

Pat reported that the Llandovery Partnership is expanding and wants to acquire a shop. The premises in the town previously occupied by Trade Secrets is a possibility. This would be used as a covered space for local producers of food, crafts etc. Valerie suggested that the site of Dylan’s near the Square and Compass roundabout might be ideal for a farm shop and café.

#### Valerie Wood Gaiger

Val has been involved in projects with ‘Learn with Grandma’ which have received EU funding and which have involved collaboration with groups in other EU countries, and cultural exchange visits. She is applying to the EU for a grant for a project on foraging, and suggested that Transition Town Llandeilo or Llandeilo Food Network might want to be involved. The aim would be to ensure that the foraging skills of older generations are captured and passed on to younger people, and disseminated more widely. Ideas would also be exchanged with groups in other countries. Some were interested in being involved. Steve was very resistant to involvement by Transition Town Llandeilo in any project that involved flying, and John raised the issue with the carbon footprint of the project. Katka mentioned that most of the journeys could be made by rail, and Val said that future EU-funded schemes were likely to involve less travel and more remote conferencing. There was general support from many present for collaborating with Val and partnering with her proposed project. Peter and Joan Clarke shared their positive experiences of foraging. Any further discussion will be between Katka and Val.

The next meeting of Transition Town Llandeilo will be the AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm.