

## Minutes of the Snowdrop Valley Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 6.30pm in the Edwin Beckett Room, Moorland Hall

**Present: Committee Members** Cllr Eric Norman (Chair), Cllr Jon Levenson, Jim Winzer, John Anson, Cally Elston, Angela Edwards

**In attendance:** Liz Stitt (Clerk)

Item	Minutes	Action
	<b>Public Question Time.</b> No members of the public were present.	
25/1	<b>Apologies for absence.</b> No Apologies were given.	
25/2	<b>Declarations of Interest.</b> Cllr Eric Norman, the Rest and Be Thankful Inn	
25/3	<b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024.</b> These were approved and signed.	
25/4	<b>Update on Volunteers.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are a couple of reliable volunteers that we are losing this year.</li> <li>- We have picked up a few new volunteers.</li> <li>- The Clerk and Cally will re-circulate the poster asking for volunteers on the website and social media.</li> </ul>	Clerk, Cally
25/5	<b>Update on Advertising.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thanks were given to Cllr Levenson for putting the banners up.</li> <li>- The trailer is booked in on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Jan to have the sponsorship logos put on.</li> <li>- There are two Atwest coach loads booked to come to the event.</li> <li>- Cally has put together a press release, it includes about the storm damage and how people have helped to clear the valley. Cally will circulate it to the committee. Cllr Norman has asked the school to supply a list of dates of when they are planning to open the pop-up café in the Valley. Jim Winzer will let Cally know the Farmers Market dates. The Clerk will send Cally a list of things the Snowdrop Valley Funds have donated towards. Once finalised the press release will go out to West Somerset Free Press, Somerset Gazette, Exmoor Magazine, Visit Exmoor and some local influencers.</li> <li>- Cllr Levenson suggested Cally to circulate the press release to BBC Points West as they have been doing articles about the clear up after the storm.</li> <li>- Jim Winzer has spoken to a television contact regarding doing the weather report from Snowdrop Valley. They said they will see nearer the time.</li> </ul>	Cally  Jim Winzer, Clerk
25/6	<b>Update on progress of the clear up of the valley and paths.</b> Prior to the storm there were three or four tree downs but since the storm around 40 trees came down. Paul Parfitt and Phil Farmer (AP Farmer and sons) have been down the valley with a team to haul away loads of the wood. Cllr Norman and Nick Winzer have also cleared the paths. Phil Farmer has also scraped the bottom path with a digger and made it tidier and safe. Cllr Norman has spoken to the landowners about this who were very happy with this being done. Cllr Norman said after the storm it has shown how the local people come together to help with these things and gives thanks to them all. Exmoor National Park have promised to put three seats along the paths.	
25/7	<b>Update from the school regarding catering in the valley.</b> The school are in the process of getting a team together to set this up and will keep the committee	

	<p>updated. It is their responsibility to organise and pack up each day. The volunteers in the car park will let people know that it will be cash only for the school catering in the valley.</p> <p>Further updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Andrew Turner is hoping to have his vehicle repaired halfway through the event to be able to offer the taxi service. Cllr Norman will be available to take people at no cost up until that time if needed.</li> <li>- Cally will get the ribbons from Cllr Norman to mark the routes. It was highlighted that extra signage may need to go up around Lower House Farm past the church to stop people going the wrong way.</li> <li>- Cally asked if there are days where the event may get cancelled due to the weather, please can she be told at 7.30am that morning to give enough time for this to be published on the website and social media.</li> </ul>	
<b>25/8</b>	<b>Items for consideration on the next agenda.</b> No items were put forward for this.	
<b>25/9</b>	<b>Date of next meeting.</b> A meeting for the volunteers will take place on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> of Jan at 6.30pm at the Rest and Be Thankful. The next committee meeting will take place after the event.	

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.15pm

Signed:

Dated: