

## Bont Faen WI Committee

### Minutes for the Monthly Meeting:

Held: 16 October 2025

## 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

**Apologies:** Jean Downing, Margaret Price, Julia Wright, Annie Williams, , Sue Bradshaw Jones, Lynne Mulcahy, Kath Jones, Sian Thomas, Lesley Freeman, Denise Jones, Margaret Langdon, Mary Hopkin, Ros Davies, Jan Thomas ,Jan Riddell, Joy Thomas

**Number of members present:**39

**Number of visitors present:** 2

## 2 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes approved

## 3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 3.1 Thank You Gift

Diane Bluck thanked members for the Toscana voucher which was presented as a thank you for hosting the Summer Social.

### 3.2 Penllyn WI Harvest Festival 7 October

Miranda Davis and Di Sloman attended for YBF WI.

### 3.3 St Hilary Carol Service: St Hilary Church 2 December, 6.30 for 7pm start.

St Hilary WI invited 6 members of YBF WI to attend their carol service. The Coryds Choir will be singing. Refreshments to be provided afterwards in Village Hall.

### 3.4 Federation Show Sponsorship update:

The £30 sponsorship was for the class: "Floral display in a boot or a shoe". Unfortunately, the identity of the winner remains unknown!

### 3.5 Dental Bags:

Examples of dental bags were shown to members. Miranda had brought copies of the WI Life pattern. Members were asked to bring their dental bag contributions to the November meeting. The bags will then be donated to a selected charity as Federation had not identified a specific recipient for this project.

### 3.6 Christmas Parade: Sunday 30 November 3.30 pm

Reindeer are back! Parade will start at Cowbridge Leisure Centre and return there after parading down the High Street as far as Druid's Green. Di suggested members might like to take part in the Parade, either dressed as angels (funky or otherwise) or stars.

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### 3.7 Consent forms

Members were reminded to complete the following forms:

- Gift Aid
- Photo and Marketing consent forms E
- Emergency contact details.

## 4 REPORTS

### 4.1 Treasurer's Report

£ 2811.71 (adjusted balance).

### 4.2 Correspondence

**Federation Quiz**, Thursday 13 November at High Tide, Porthcawl

**Rotary Quiz**, Saturday 15 November at Cowbridge Scout Hall. Team of four

**Royal Welsh Winter Fair** 24-25 November 2025 Competition: Fiddle Mat or Chilli Jam

**NFWI Conference** Aberystwyth Wednesday 25th & 26th March 2026. Three day, two nights D,B&B, coach transport £249 .

### 4.3 Social

**Royal College of Music and Drama jazz evening**: everyone who went had enjoyed the evening.

Boards made available for signing up to the following activities:-

- **Cowbridge Treasure Hunt**: Thursday 23 October at 10am at Lesser Hall, Town Hall. Members will have the opportunity to return to the Lesser Hall for refreshments and scores. £2 per head payable on day.
- **Llantrisant Guild Hall**: 27 November 10am. £10. Tour of Guild Hall followed by refreshments at Gwyneth's Tea Rooms.
- **Christmas Social (Lesser Hall) 18 December**: Members were requested to sign up with their finger-food contributions for the evening to enable the Committee fill any gaps. Members were reminded they would need to provide their own cutlery and crockery.
- **Thursday 8 January- Christmas Meal**: more information to follow
- **Thursday 26 February -Beetle Drive** in the Lesser Hall at 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 23 April -Llanelli Plas trip**: leaving Cowbridge at 9am for tour of house at 11am.

## 5 SUB GROUPS

### 5.1 Crafty Sew 'n' Sews

Next meeting 20 October at Sue Dibben's to continue making stars for Holy Cross Christmas display.

### 5.2 Culture Vultures

To Kill a Mocking Bird booked for 26 November WMC (6 attending) Email from Lynne about car sharing to follow.

## 6 NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

**20 November (Main Hall):** BBC Wales Senior Journalist, Matt Murray

**Teas:** Susan Morris, Lynne Murray, Wendy Pearce

## 7 AOB

**Raffle:** won by Jackie Smith

## 8 SPEAKER

### **Harriet Jones, British Champion and Olympic Swimmer**

Harriet gave a very engaging talk about her time as an elite swimmer. She held a number of Welsh records, swam in the Commonwealth Games in Australia and Birmingham and took part in the COVID-affected Tokyo Olympic Games. Her swimming career took her all over the world where she was able to enjoy competitions in some very exotic pools. She explained how committed she had had to be to her training, taking part in 12 or more sessions every week to maintain her standard. Since retiring, she has become a Pilates instructor and has further developed her nail manicure business she had started as a distraction to training whilst she was still competing.

Moira Cotter gave the vote of thanks.

**Minutes taken by:** Anne Hordley

**Chaired by:** Diane Bluck