

Bont Faen WI

Minutes for the Monthly Meeting:

Held: 18 June 2026

1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Apologies: Jean Lloyd; Jean Downing; Margaret Price; Sian Thomas; Jacqui Smith; Pam Harrison; Jane Makin; Paula Hof; Sue Bradshaw Jones; Dawn Jones; Mary Noyes; Sue Tomlinson; Melanie Fairfax; Valerie Monaghan

Number of members present: 36

Number of visitors present: 1

2 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes approved

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 None.

4 REPORTS

4.1 TREASURER'S REPORT

Adjusted balance: £3484.05

Gift Aid has been submitted; waiting HMRC reply.

- **May Fayre**

No invoice o/s, confirmed stall was free.

- **Banking Mandate**

Ex-committee members to be removed; President and Vice President added; Jean Downing retained

- **Mystery Trip**

16 members have paid to date.

- **Consent for Marketing Materials:**

All members have been asked to complete the marketing consent forms.

4.2 CORRESPONDENCE

- **Dance Dabble**

Cefn Cribwr Community Centre, 30 September, £10

- **Denman Grant:** Autumn Programme received from Federation
- **Simply Christmas & Craft Show:** NEC Birmingham Sunday 8 November 2026, £40 per person including coach

4.3 SOCIAL

- **Open Day: Island Farm Prisoner of War Camp, Sunday 21 June**

Booked for 13 members.

- **Mystery Trip (13 August) FINAL PAYMENT DATE: 16 July 2026**

Approximately 34 members signed up to date. Cost: £40/member or if member is a National Trust member, £22. **Members must pay by deadline to attend.** Non-member guests can be signed up but payment must be made by a member before deadline.

- **Summer Social (16 July)**

Diane Bluck has kindly offered to host again. Swimming from 4pm, meeting to start 6pm. Board available to sign up for food. Members are asked to note what they will bring (not “savoury” etc) to enable Committee to fill gaps. Email with details to follow.

- **Potential Activity**

Crafts by the Sea (September)

Craft workshop in Ogmere by Sea at a cost of approximately £25.00. Members were asked to sign up if interested. Once numbers known, date and craft would be chosen (depending on numbers and availability of course).

5 SUB GROUPS

5.1 Crafty Sew ‘n’ Sews

Next meeting: Monday 22 June at Sue Dibben’s.

5.2 Culture Vultures

Man for all Seasons: 8 October. Board available to sign up. Price will be about £40, depending on number of tickets purchased. Final price to be confirmed when final attendance figure known. (Request by member to investigate day-time performance will be investigated by Lynne.)

5.3 Walkie Talkies

22 July: 5 km walk at Rhoose Point, details to follow at Summer Social. Board available to sign up.

6 OTHER ITEMS

6.1 NFWI Annual Meeting:

Due to technical difficulties, Margaret Price, despite having all the essential log in information etc, was unable to join the meeting. She was not alone in this difficulty. A further report will follow.

6.2 GFWI Meeting:

Octavia Sheppard represented Bont Faen at the GFWI Annual meeting on Wednesday 17th June 2026 and provided a very interesting report.

7 NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

7.1 16 July 2026: Summer Social

Tudor Lodge, Llysworney (From 4pm; Business Meeting at 6pm)

8 AOB

8.1 Raffle: won by: Bev Taylor

9 SPEAKER

9.1 Tools with a Mission, Andrew Kelland

Tools with a Mission, or TWAM for short, is a national charity that provides refurbished tools to needy communities in Africa. Andrew explained how he came to be involved and how, until COVID, he helped refurbish donations at workshop in Penarth but then, due to financial constraints the workshop closed. Not willing to stop helping, he is now a regional collector and delivers a van full of tools (ranging from spades through mechanic's tools to sewing machines) to the Rugby depot every 5 weeks or so. Fully refurbished, a mind-boggling number of tools are shipped out to places such as Uganda, Malawi and other East African locations every year. He told us some of the heartwarming stories of those TWAM has helped and closed by offering to take donations from us should we like to help.

Lynne Mulchay gave the vote of thanks.

Minutes taken by: Anne Hordley

Chaired by: Anne Hordley