**Swansea Community Farm AGM Sat 16th November 2019**

**Attendees:**

Chris Boyce, Ian Thomas, Chris Badman, James Voyce, Harlie Miles, Adriel Udoh, Reuel Udoh, Shannon Tinnuche, Josh Thomas, Bethan Hopkins, Marion Lott, Anne White, Sue Brown, Ann Bell, Clare Cooper, Sam Thompson, Mike Durke, Oliver James, Sally Bell, Nathan Bell, Dawn Passmore, Abbi Mason, Katharine Aylett, Sarah Daniels, Kate Gibbs

Chris Boyce welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the AGM.

**Apologies:** Wendy Lewis, Elliott King

**Project Update**

Abby presented the child and youth project from the last year.

Abby has now been in post for 6 weeks. Reuel and Adriel talked about why they liked coming to the farm, they had a round of applause after they had spoken.

Farm Clwb on Saturdays has 15-20 volunteers per week. Farm hero’s which meets on Thursdays has 10 volunteers.

The youngsters have been cooking lots of the food grown in the garden.

There is lots of peer mentorship which works well.

The youngsters enjoyed the apple day and learned how to pick and press apples.

An accredited animal care course was run on Sundays. The participants were lucky enough to see a lamb being born. They also learned to sheer sheep.

The butterfly conservation trust came and set traps to see what they could catch.

The youngsters also did a safeguarding awareness course.

19 attended the Halloween party. Nathan did a great job as DJ and they had food and fun.

The residential was fantastic, but had to be cut short due to the torrential rain.

The playschemes involve lots of free play and activities and are popular.

The chick incubation programme with schools has also been very popuar. Schools hatch the eggs and care for the chicks. This will be offered again next year.

There have been 198 play hours, 4361.75 farm clwb and farm hero’s volunteering hours and 86 children benefitted from the activities.

Kate and Katharine presented the adult volunteers project.

The project runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-4pm.

There are 118 volunteers, including 67 new volunteers

April to Sept the volunteering hours’ total was 4262

The new Calon Farm logo was shown, the five ways to wellbeing have been built into the heart shaped design.

The Tuesday Mucker workdays have around 10-15 volunteers and have deliberately been made quieter days. The days are full of fun, getting mucky and teamwork.

The Thursday workdays are busier with 20-30 volunteers attending, they work in the gardens and with the animals. Again, there is lots of teamwork and fun.

The Pupil Referral Unit. Which works with children who have challenging behaviour and who aren’t attending mainstream school. It incorporates learning into a fun activity, for example measuring a pig with string and a calculator.

The volunteers have attended accredited First Aid, Food Hygiene, Customer service and Mental Health First Aid. They also have done unaccredited courses in hedge laying, bee keeping, autism and dementia awareness, hazel hurdles, livestock checking and safeguarding.

Some of the volunteers visited a sheep farm in April.

There was a wellbeing day on the Solstice where a labyrinth was made.

There was also a visit to a garden in Cowbridge which was very interesting and in October the volunteers went to Rhosilli to meet with the National Trust and they went seal watching.

There is a fundraising curry night arranged for 4th December, the cost is £12 with £6 going to the farm.

The habitat heroes for 16-24year olds meet on the last Saturday of the month between 10am and 3pm.

**Accounts**

Ann Bell presented a summary of the annual accounts.

At the start of the year the trustees set 4 goals, there were to

* Get more non-grant money
* Increase the amount of reserves to give more security, with a target of £45,000
* To look at multi-year grants
* To invest in ways to track the impact the farm is having.

These have all been achieved over the year.

The farms income was £166,324 and expenditure £196,245, with £29,921 from previously secured grants. The income has gone down a little and expenditure has gone up a little. The income is 83% from grants, 13% is earned income, and 4% is from donations and gifts in kind. The reserves are now £51,000 {2018-2019} compared with £35,000 {2017-2018}

All the staff and volunteers were thanked for their hard work.

Chair’s Report

Chris Boyce presented the Chairs Report

Chris explained about the Board, its role and the farms vision and mission.

The Key achievements recorded from Jan-Dec are 9000 adult volunteer hours, 26 accredited qualifications gained, 700 children participating in schools’ visits {April 2018 to March 2019} and 4,000 children’s volunteering hours

All involved were thanked.

The minutes from the previous year’s AGM were read and it was agreed that they were a true and accurate account. There were a couple of typing errors -  Shannon’s surname should be Tinnuche and Wendy’s should be Lewis.

Trustee election – the farm is looking to recruit new trustees. There are a couple of potential trustees who have expressed an interest in finding out more.

AOB – The counsellors present thanked all at the farm for all they do and said that they will continue to support the farm.