

ESEF Cymru

“Outdoor Classroom”

Presentations by

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4.30 pm – 7.00 pm, 11 July 2006

National Museum of Wales

Minutes third meeting

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from a number of individuals, organisations and members of the Welsh Assembly, including Rt Hon Rhodri Morgan AM whose personal assistant would attend the meeting.

2. Chairman’s introduction:

Chairman welcomed the attendees, gave a summary of the ESEF Cymru and outlined the background to the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Earth Sciences (Earth Sciences Group), which is administered by ESEF. The Earth Sciences Group meets each month in Westminster when the House is sitting and covers a wide range of Earth Science topics. A list of all meetings held can be seen on the www.esef.org.uk website.

3. **Minutes** of the second ESEF Cymru meeting, 2 May 2006 were confirmed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

[Numbers in square brackets are paragraph numbers from the minutes of the previous meeting]

[5.1] Welsh Language

- Dr John Davies, Countryside Council for Wales (CCW) and the Welsh Building Stones Forum – noted that Earth science material that had been translated by those without an Earth science background, had introduced errors during translation or had translated from incorrect English and therefore continued errors. The CCW had now taken on a Welsh speaker, and discussions were in progress between the South Wales Geologists’ Association and the Naturalist Society in Wales. It was hoped that meetings and fieldtrips could be held in Wales in the Welsh language. The Welsh Language Board may be a possible funding source.
- The Chairman asked that John prepare a paper to be circulated before the next meeting (7 November), including – possible support, lines of action, funding sources and who should be contacted etc. *Action: Dr John Davies*

- Chris King, Earth Science Education Unit (ESEU), noted that ESEU will be developing workshops and materials for primary teachers and that these will be translated into Welsh.
- Carole Gledhill (Careers Wales) and Cally Oldershaw (ESEU) are developing an all-day Earth science event on 30 October for primary teachers in the Powys area which aims to include a visit to a quarry. The primary event will be offered to all regions in Wales.

[5.2] Transco Pipeline

- Allan Rogers had written to Diane Edwards to ask whether a meeting had been convened. Diane had been abroad. Allan Cuthbertson had spoken with CCW.
- John Davies outlined the route of the pipeline. Duncan Hawley pointed out that the main change of expected route is the shift to the south of Hay on Wye as a result of archaeological finds. Tony Ramsey noted that the effect on the environment e.g. drainage patterns may be visible for some time. It was agreed that a letter should be sent by ESEF-Cymru to Transco. *Action: Allan Rogers*
- Mike Bassett noted that a similar scheme (the pipeline of the Southern Uplands, Scotland) resulted in the pipeline company financing two PhD students. Mike Bassett will discuss with Diane Edwards. *Action: Mike Bassett*

5. Stakeholders' discussion:

Collaborative projects and feedback from ESEF Cymru stakeholders, including key issues and concerns.

No further discussion.

6. Future programme:

Tuesday 7 November.

- The Chair suggested a meeting on either the Transco pipeline or on the permissions/license requests for oil and gas exploration in the Cardigan Bay. David Harding (QPA Wales) suggested that a meeting on the coastal construction industry could include the exploration for oil and gas, and also cover such topics as marine aggregate dredging, coastal management, wind power and the Severn barrage etc. It was decided that the topic for the November meeting would be the Transco pipeline.

Action: Professor Diane Edwards, Allan Cuthbertson, and Cally Oldershaw to liaise re: 7 November.

Action: Professor Diane Edwards and John Davies agreed to put forward a proposal / brief framework with John Harrison, Allan Cuthbertson and others as appropriate.

- It was agreed that ESEF-Cymru would arrange one meeting per term plus a Christmas event.
- It was agreed that the meeting should be brought forward, to help those who needed to catch trains etc. The room must be vacated and all cars removed from the car park by 7.00pm
- Programme for the next meeting, 7th November:
 - 4.30 pm – informal networking (tea/coffee)
 - 5.00 pm – business meeting
 - 5.30 pm – presentations
 - 6.30 pm – discussion / networking
 - 6.50 pm – end

Tuesday 12th December. National Museum of Wales, Cardiff – ‘The geology of wine’.

- Professor John Cope had accepted an invitation by Professor Mike Bassett to give a presentation on “The Geology of Wine”. Wine would be provided for a tasting.

Tuesday 13th March 2007. North Wales venue to be confirmed. Title Geoconservation / Geodiversity to be confirmed.

7. Resources

8. AOB

None

9. Date of next meeting – 7th November, 4.30 – 6.50 pm, Icons Suite, National Museum of Wales, Cardiff

Cally Oldershaw
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