Partneriaeth Eco Dyffryn **Dyfi** Eco Valley Partnership t/a **ecodyfi**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13 December 2022

on Zoom

Present: Nicola Ruck (Chair), Paul Allen (CAT), Marit Olsson (Treasurer) (CC Corris), Cllr. Michael Williams, Ann MacGarry, Mona Lewis, James Cass, Livy Chandler, Shelagh Hourahane, Sandra Bendelow, Gareth Roberts, Guy Pargeter, Martin Ashby, Iwan Pughe Jones, Arfon & Delyth Hughes, Tom & Lisa Brown, Freya Pryce, Jane Powell, John Cantor, Phil Wheeler, Rhys Davies (CC Mawddwy), Caroline Goodband, Katy from Eginiad, Louise Peeters, Andy Rowland

Apologies: Nicky Arscott, Janet Davies, John Edwards, Danny Cameron, Julia Guswell, Anne Lloyd Jones, Andy Bull, Michael Chapman

Ann MacGarry (Vice Chair) welcomed everyone to **the AGM**.

1. The minutes of the previous AGM held on 14th December 2021 were read and approved.

2. Märit Olsson presented the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022. It was a good year financially, with the turnover of £288,147 being more than double that of the previous year. The Company showed a profit (after tax) of £197 for the year and so carried forward £10,786 in reserves. A sum of £82,988 was also carried forward for sustainable projects. The Accounts were received.

3. Andy Rowland submitted the Directors' Report. The Manager gave a brief presentation on current activities and future prospects, showing that ecodyfi has an influence far beyond the Dyfi Valley. There were 7 staff (4.6 full time equivalents) in March 2022, most of whom were involved with the Trywydd Iach or Tyfu Dyfi projects that ecodyfi leads on behalf of the UNESCO Dyfi Biosphere. The report was accepted.

4. Membership of the Board. The following Directors retired and were re-elected: Nicola Ruck and Guy Pargeter. It was anticipated that one member of staff (Andy Rowland) would be co-opted to the Board for an additional one year period at the next Board meeting.

The formal meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

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After that there was a **Forum**. Speakers described aspects of ecodyfi’s work, followed by discussion.

1. Energy:
2. Freya Pryce & Andy Rowland noted some ways to make our energy use more affordable and sustainable (Big Energy Saving Network and Energy Local);
3. How and why to borrow a ‘Thermal camera’ to see where heat is lost;
4. How could we generate more renewable energy locally?

There was discussion about the EcoFlex scheme and our delviery of advice through the Big Energy Saving Network.

1. ‘Dyfodol Dyfi’ – the community planning process and prospects. The report on the ecodyfi website contains a wealth of information, mostly about needs of the area. Members were keen to develop the community links made during the process, including with the groups producing the ‘Cost of Living’ leaflet.
2. Taj Mahal – a new community space that’s grown out of Dyfodol Dyfi, in the context of the cost of living crisis and with the benefit of a grant from Bro Dyfi Community Renewables. It could house a map of projects and activities in Bro Ddyfi and should continue the inclusivity of Dyfodol Dyfi.
3. Other activities, including ‘Perennial Green Manures’. Members suggested investing in telling stories through the website, YouTube and the Tabernacl, for example, bringing art into play.