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Trustees Report 2025

Having completed the creation of the new CIO legal identity, this year our attention has turned to improving the facilities for those who live, visit and volunteer here.

However, one administrative task still outstanding was to clarify membership of the CIO, how could people become members and obtain voting rights? After a lot of thought, we have now instituted a system which includes a ‘Friends’ category open to members of the public for a £10 annual fee (with some camping/course discounts), and a ‘Full’ category obtained by being actively involved and approved by the MC. Full membership brings both discounts and voting rights. All existing members of the Dyfed Permaculture Farm Trust automatically have full membership of the CIO.

We hoped to obtain grant funding for a better website, this being one of the ways we educate the wider public about what we do, but only gained enough to work on a new logo as a first step. This has taken a lot of thought and the help of some lovely graphic artists but is nearing completion. We will continue to disseminate information through the existing website, and social media as before.

We have had some meetings to consider the ways in which activities at Dyfed Permaculture Farm conform (or not!) to standard Permaculture principles and ethics. The understanding we have gained will be shared via social media, on promotional material, as well as during open days etc, in an attempt to spread awareness of the actual meaning of what we do, seen through a Permaculture lens.

Allison Addison, our Treasurer and Trustee has moved out of the immediate district. Remote working is going well but we miss her presence especially when we are being sociable! Finances seem stable despite infrastructure spending and necessary tree works along boundaries with our neighbours, her financial report is available separately.

A recognition of how much learning goes on informally when volunteers and visitors socialise in the barn kitchen has led us to replace the old Rayburn with a more efficient wood burner and back boiler. Hopefully this will make for a more cosy space and a reliable hot water supply. A local plumber has begun the installation and most of the parts will be recycled from the old system or from our hoard of ‘might come in useful’ stuff! Work has also been ongoing to improve volunteer accommodation for 2026.

Related to this is an increase in water storage capacity in the form of a bank of IBC containers located in the top corner of Cae Top, which are fed by water pumped up from the spring.

During dry weather over the last few summers, both camping in the top field and volunteer numbers have had to be restricted because of lack of water. We have realised that a previously overlooked educational angle here is related to water use. Many younger visitors have never experienced life without an unlimited mains supply. With the UK government predicting severe water shortages in England by mid century, raising awareness of, and knowledge about collecting and conserving water are valuable lessons. Grateful thanks are due to Phil and Lindy for taking the lead on this with help from others on some workdays.

As usual we held the Moth Camp in June. Now we have our own moth trap and a trail camera to add to the fun. There were a good number of moths and the families attending all enjoyed helping to record and release them.

We also had our usual well attended Meadows Day with a tour of the meadows and explanations by Phil and Michelle.

Phil and Michelle continue to run Scythe Cymru and teach scything and peening courses on the farm.

We hope to collaborate with West Wales Biodiversity Information Network to do some wildlife surveys during the coming summer, negotiations are ongoing.

Thanks go to Izzy, who joined us from May to September last year as a seasonal volunteer, and many other volunteers who came and stayed for periods ranging from a few days to a month.

Their youthful energy and enthusiasm is very valuable to us to get tasks done. They learn new skills as well as experiencing the realities of a lifestyle many of them are considering. Feedback has been universally positive. Fewer, longer engagements seem to work better for Phil and Michelle and offers the volunteers a more rounded experience. It has already been agreed that Belle, who has volunteered before, will join us this coming summer as the seasonal volunteer. She hopes to use her free time and our inspirational space to progress the book she is writing.

As usual our grateful thanks go to Phil and Michelle for all their hard work and expertise. They do far more than we should expect of them. Also to Jono for his research into funding and general help and to Lindy for her efforts on the maintenance of the buildings and support to Phil with 2 person jobs.

Dyfed Permaculture Farm		No (if any)		CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/25	To	31/12/25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Camping income	1198	-	-	1198	749
Rental income	2687	-	-	2687	2,722
Events and Courses	136	-	-	136	706
Grants	1000	-	-	1000	794
Donations	100	-	-	100	10
Interest	121	-	-	121	80
Gross income for AR)	5242	-	-	5242	5061
Total receipts	5242	-	-	5242	5061
A3 Payments					
Materials and maintenance	890	-	-	890	2,108
Moth camp	0	-	-	0	698
Field rent	10	-	-	10	10
Treework	1550	-	-	1,550	805
Professional services	534	-	-	534	1,372
Miscellaneous expenses	40	-	-	40	75
Sub total	3024	-	-	3,024	5,068
Total payments	3024	-	-	3,024	5,068
Net of receipts/(payments)	2218	-	-	2,218	-7
A5 Transfers between f	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last yea	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	2218	-	-	2,218	-7

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	530	-	-
	Savings	10445	-	-
	Petty Cash	188	-	-
	Total cash funds	11163	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset be	Cost (optional)	rrent value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land and buildings		-	200000
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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	Details	to which liability r	nount due (option	/hen due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name	Date of approval
			ALLISON ADDISON	12/10/26