

Summary of the Council meeting 10th August, 2015

At the most recent meeting of the Council of The Welsh Pony and Cob Society on 10th August, 2015, a number of items were discussed.

These included:

- The Pavilion at the Royal Welsh Showground: A decision was reached in July to postpone plans to allow further time for investigation into funding options and consultation, including with members. Whilst an architect has produced designs, no tendering process has yet begun, nor will it until Council decides how to proceed at the Council meeting on 21st September, 2015. Members have been invited to send their views to the Society via the Secretary, and these suggestions and views must be received by the Secretary no later than 14th September 2015 either by email to secretary@wpcs.uk.com or in writing to the office.
- Three confidential matters: these – two complaints and one welfare issue – will be reported on when the cases have been concluded and respondents have been notified.
- Proposed changes to EU Zootechnical legislation: on instruction from Council, office staff are to respond to a questionnaire and consultation.
- Reports from other societies' or groups' meetings: 1. Cross-Party Assembly Group for the Horse and 2. The National Equine Welfare Council.
- Anglo-Welsh Register: Correspondence had been received requesting its closure be reviewed. However, Council decided not to change its earlier decision.
- South Western Association: Council agreed to provide support to the Westcountry Equine Fair in December.
- Letters of thanks from The British Driving Society, The Animal Health Trust and The National Pony Society for support given to them by the WPCS were circulated.
- The Secretary updated Council on the status of a number of projects, including the promotional video and the digitalisation of the WPCS archive with support from the People's Collection Wales. Further updates for these works in progress, including a request for voluntary help, will be made shortly. The Secretary also highlighted the positive television and other coverage the Society achieved at the Royal Welsh Show, and his enjoyment of meeting and chatting with so many members through the show season.

Council sits again on 21st September, 2015 before the Standing Committee meetings.