

## Summary of the Council meeting 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

At the most recent meeting of the Council of The Welsh Pony and Cob Society on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, a number of positive steps were taken.

These included the

- review or creation of new media relations and social media policies – which will be published after adoption by Council
- decision to produce a Society promotional video to inform and engage potential new – especially younger - members as well as existing ones
- agreement to create – with assistance to be decided – a digital archive of the WPCS to include a series of recorded interviews or “oral histories” with longstanding members to capture this vital body of experience
- review of a draft breed leaflet, emphasising both the performance achieved by and enjoyment derived from the Welsh breeds
- action to recruit an editorial team to assist with Society publications
- review of plans for the new WPCS pavilion at the Royal Welsh Showground

Other issues discussed included

- the Hill Pony Improvement Society, specifically a productive meeting in May between it, the WPCS and staff from the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority to look at funding and other options. A meeting has been arranged with Aberystwyth University to discuss any interim findings from the DNA sampling programme
- a meeting arranged for the end of June with staff from the Welsh Council for Voluntary Action to discuss funding both for capital projects, such as the new Pavilion, and continuing work in line with the Society’s objectives
- Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly CRB) checks for Trustees, Society Officers, the Young Ambassador/Young Ambassador Elect and staff likely to be in contact with children or vulnerable people at shows, sales and other events
- several items relating to the harmonisation of the Welsh Pony & Cob Vereniging (WPCV Holland). This is quite a body of work – requiring the set-up of a working party – and will be returned to in subsequent Council meetings
- a complaint received by the office regarding behaviour at a show. This matter will be revisited in a Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2015.

A short Council meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2015, followed by the Standing Committee meetings. The next full Council meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.