MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING
10 January 2023

Present:

G Walker	J Gwalter	Mrs V Fuller	M Fuller
A Ellis	JA Davies	J Gravelle	Mrs C Gravelle
A Tremlett	T Morris	Mrs S Blackford	J Donovan
I Wilson	Mrs J Wilson	C Morris	P Rapsey

1. Apologies: L Willicome, A Williams, M Davies, G Thomas, Mrs G Thomas, D Rooke, Mrs S Ellis	
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with actions ongoing.	
3. Treasurers Report a. Little financial activity during the Christmas period, however the society has received an extra £551.50 from sale of calendars and craft, making a total of over £1,400. b. The insurance premium has been paid for 2023. A total of £2,485. This seems a lot, but consider the high stakes that are insured against. An extreme example would be an accident during work on the hidden lock site which compromises the water supply to the Vale nickel works. This could leave the society liable for millions in damages.	
4. Education Officers Report a. The SC225 committee and CRT have been around to four schools and have completed the videos. These have been sent by CRT to Muddy Productions, for editing ready to be displayed in the Waterfront Museum as part of the exhibition.	
5. Grants and Funding a. Two further grants are being worked on, one of which is a bid for £50K from Landfill for the Clydach Lock Site.	
6. Canoe Hire a. The plan for 2023 is to have a sub committee and rota for each weekend throughout the summer. b. New documentation being produced.	SB
7. Clydach Lock. a. Contractors have been appointed to commence the work to remove the surface and take it away from the site. Spades should be in the ground on Thursday 12th January. b. New gates are to be fitted to allow access to the site for the contractors.	GW/AT
8. Coed Gwilym Slipway. a. The Canal and River Trust were concerned about planning, but are liaising with the contractors to ensure the correct sealing at the end of the slipway. Once this is confirmed the slipway will take approximately one week to install. The tow path has been diverted.	
9. Hebron Road. a. Full planning permission has been received, with one condition. An Ecology report needs to be completed.	
10. SC225 a. The School videos have been completed. b. Fluellen Theatre group had a constructive meeting on Monday. Looking at 2 performances on two days with funding being looked at from "Nights Out". Performances will be Promenade (walk and talk). Next meeting 3 March. c. Waterfront Museum exhibition panels being worked on. Some have been re-phrased, but will be completed by the end of January. One of the panels to be on Clive reed as one of the founders of the society. d. CRT Monthly calendar – being sanitised and once completed will be passed to Andy Ellis for inclusion on our web site. e. A request has come in to see if there is anything that the 225 Committee can put on at Craig Y Nos as part of the Big Skill this year. This to be investigated.	VF
11. Work Parties. a. Last two have been cancelled due to the weather. b. Tuesday Work Party will be at Coed Gwilym Park, and clearing the weed from in front of the grill at the hidden lock site. c. Sunday work parties will pick up items that the Tuesday work parties cannot undertake, for example painting the railings.	
12. WRG Sumer Camp.	

a. It was felt that CRT placed too many obstacles in our way for a truly successful camp this year. After discussion it was decided to send a letter to CRT cc'd to WRG to say that we would be happy to take a camp this coming year so land as CRT produced the relevant paperwork. The application for a WRG amp needs to be in soonest.	MF
13. Web site and social media a. Book. Positive news has been received – it is hoped that publication will be late spring early summer. b. New Web site is being set up and will be populated with the information that is on the current web site. Videos from U Tube will also be put on the website if copywrite can be arranged.	
14. Historical Brief a. Nothing to report.	
15. AOB a. Clydach library has asked for a talk on the canal. Clive Reed has volunteered. b. WI at Birchgrove has asked for a talk on the canal on 19th January. VF and SE to undertake. Age UK have also asked for talk on 25th January, this to be re-arranged if possible. c. Coed Gwilym Park Clubhouse is to open by the end of January 2023. The flooring is to be laid next week, and the furniture is being ordered. d. The Christmas dinner was cancelled, but it has been requested that it be re-arranged. e. Sharon Blackford was co-opted on to the trustees. Proposed by JG seconded by JAD and carried unanimously. f. A new Health and Safety policy has been written.	VF/SE AW
16. DONM. Tuesday 7th February 2023, 1900 at New Inn, Clydach.	

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M FULLER
Secretary