

# MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY ZOOM MEETING

## 5 January 2021

### Present:

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| G Walker     | J Gwalter  | A & S Ellis | M & V Fuller |
| G & G Thomas | A Tremlett | A Williams  | J Donovan    |
| M Davis      | J Davies   | A Hudson    |              |

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| <p>1. Apologies: L Willicome, Mike Clarke</p> <p>2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.</p> <p>a. Extra Storage at Coed Gwilym Park. The timbers from Hebron Road have been saved and will be used to create the extra storage at the back of the Canoe store.</p> <p>b. There does not appear to be enough room at the Pontardawe site for a shed, however, GW to take another look at the suggested locations.</p> <p>3. Treasurers Report</p> <p>a. The overall financial position of the society is still reasonably sound – over tight for the items the society wishes to undertake.</p> <p>b. There is still no confirmation of the promised £15k from Vale. GW to discuss with Laura.</p> <p>c. The society has receive £105 from the sale of Bug Hotels. Thank you to Alan Williams for supplying the Bug Hotels.</p> <p>d. The £5000 donated by the Canal and River Trust has been received.</p> <p>4. Education Officers Report</p> <p>a. Nothing much to report as it is impossible to get into schools at present. Will contact when opportunity arises.</p> <p>b. Gellionen School has enquired about the use of the canoes. This is in abeyance until the end of the pandemic</p> <p>5. Grants and Funding</p> <p>a. Book. Funding for the book has been raised however, more applications are still in progress.</p> <p>b. The society has received £500 from the Clydach Community Council</p> <p>c. On completion of the purchase of Hebron Road the Society can approach Swansea Council for further grants to cover the renovation of the site. The society may be relying on Welsh government funding as EU money is now not available. As such the society is trying to tie together the renovation of Hebron Road with the hidden Lock site for funding purposes.</p> <p>6. Canoe Hire</p> <p>a. Cane Wales Training for instructors is currently in abeyance.</p> <p>b. Funding. Lliw Valley Dwr Cymru has grants of up to £1,000 available with 12 months to spend it in. It was suggested that a floating pontoon, safety railings and a Stand-up Paddle Board could be purchased if the grant was forthcoming.</p> <p>c. The intention is to get the canoes and kayaks ready for Easter opening as and when the situation allows.</p> <p>d. Skiff. JG is continuing to work on the Skiff.</p> <p>7. Clydach Lock.</p> <p>a. The Society has received an email from Patrick Moss requesting a zoom meeting. He suggested wither a Tuesday or Thursday. After discussion it was decided that Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January would be best with a 1430 start. Attendees should be Gordon Walker, John Gwalter, John Andrew Davies, and Alan Tremlett.</p> <p>b. GW has been in discussion with Patrick Moss ref using old tyres to form part of the wall with in the hidden lock site. The idea being to fill old tyres with stone and cement, then build the walls on top. Patrick has agreed this may be feasible.</p> <p>8. Hebron Road.</p> <p>a. Discussions took place on the naming of the site. For the time being it will remain Clydach Canal Centre as this is what is being used for fund raising.</p> <p>b. The legal agreement is to be signed by trustees on behalf of the society.</p> <p>9. Work Parties.</p> <p>a. No further work parties will take place until the New Year due to the current high level of Covid 19.</p> <p>10. WRG Sumer Camp.</p> <p>a. Dates for the proposed summer camp are 3 – 10 July 2021</p> <p>11. Web site and Social Media</p> <p>a. Website is working well, and now has a Welsh language section.</p> |  |
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b. It was suggested that our website should be linked to the Clydach Forum site.

12. AGM.

a. The constitution states that the AGM must be held in person, so this will have to wait until it is safe to hold it.

b. Accounts to go to auditors for assistance as there is a discrepancy that the Treasurer cannot find.

13. AOB

a. AE to apply for the Green Flag Award again this year.

b. Zoom licence is approx. £120 for a year. After discussion it was decided to purchase a licence, rather than rely on the 40-minute free version.

c. QAVS. The award of the QAVS cannot take place until after the current lock down finishes.

d. There has been a person from NPTVS who wished to volunteer with us.

e. There has been a meeting with the CRT Engineer ref the slipway. He is unhappy as the tow path needs to be diverted. Letters of support for the slipway are to be requested from such people as Disability Sport Wales as the slipway would allow more access to the water especially for the disabled.

f. The list of priorities has been revised. These should be used in discussions with CRT.

g. Gill to look into furthering links with the Men's Shed and Community Garden, with the promotions group re-commencing their work when allowed to do so.

14. DONM.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 1900 via Zoom. Zoom meeting details to be issued via email.

*Signed on Original*

M FULLER  
Secretary