

# MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

## 12 April 2022

**Present:**

J Gwalter	M Fuller	C Reed	M Davies
A Tremlett	T Morris	A Ellis	Mrs S Ellis
J Donovan	O Lewis		

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| <p>1. Apologies: L Willicome, A Williams, G Walker, Mr and Mrs G Thomas, JA Davies, Mrs V Fuller</p> <p>2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with the following matters arising:<br/>Item 5b – BBF did not extend the Brilliant Basics grant deadline for 12 months. The BBF deadline has been extended 6 months until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. All BBF grant money for Clydach lock will have to be used by then.<br/>Item 7a – Although the quote for the site investigation work by Terra Firma Wales was reduced to \$4,830, this figure is likely to increase if the ground is found to be contaminated.</p> <p>3. Treasurers Report<br/>a. Session with the Auditor was successful and have now got a set of accounts that properly reflect the way the society runs. The significant change was the asset value of Hebron Road is now £5,625 as the remaining £39,375 is a restricted asset.<br/>b. The only significant financial movements were in the IWA grant towards satisfying the planning conditions imposed by Swansea Council for the Clydach lock restoration. This was increased in March and a total of £11,548 was paid into the account on 31<sup>st</sup> March.<br/>c. Final accounts entered but still need to be double checked.</p> <p>4. Education Officers Report<br/>a. 6 walks planned for May/June on Thursdays for St Joseph's School. And late April for Trebanos School's Reception and Infants classes on a Wednesday afternoon.</p> <p>5. Grants and Funding<br/>a. Grant from CRT towards Clydach Lock has been received.</p> <p>6. Canoe Hire<br/>a. Special Licence has been received to run Bunny's in the Park.<br/>b. Caution Underwater Obstructions signs to be placed either side of the remaining tree obstructions.</p> <p>7. Clydach Lock.<br/>a. Terra Firma have been in and conducted the sampling. The results are expected in a few weeks.<br/>b. Ecology report – Neil Wyatt looked over the site and was happy with his findings. He found Himalayan Balsam and possible Knot weed but so long as the society has a plan to deal with these everything should be OK.<br/>c. In the absence of JAD and GW, Alan Tremlett has stood in and acted as liaison officer for the Terra Firma and Ecology visits. A vote of thanks goes to Alan for undertaking these visits.</p> <p>8. Coed Gwilym Slipway.<br/>a. CRT estates and Swansea Estates are in discussion about the transfer of the land.</p> <p>9. Hebron Road.<br/>a. Men working on the path wall – almost completed.<br/>b. GW needs to discuss with builders about gates and renewal of wall at end of the building.</p> <p>10. SC225<br/>a. Committee have been to Waterfront Museum and measured up. They saw the boat weighing machine and thought about putting a silhouette of a canal barge in it.<br/>b. Spoke with Steve Bagley who thought he had artefacts, one a token from the Rose Copper Company. There are more artefacts at both the Swansea Museum and at the Waterfront Museum. JG is also looking after artefacts from Godre'rgraig.<br/>c. Draft signage items have been passed to CRT for the panels.<br/>d. Meeting with CRT on 4<sup>th</sup> May to discuss the calendar for next year.<br/>e. There is an Oriel Science zoom meeting late April early May.</p> <p>11. Work Parties<br/>a. Next work party will be at Hebron Road.</p> |  |
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12. WRG Sumer Camp.

- a. CRT attending on 19<sup>th</sup> April to discuss the work that will be done by the camps.

13. Web site and social media

- a. There was a productive meeting with NETBOP but this would be expensive. Societies finances exclude going commercial.  
b. Owain's son's pal has said he would be able to create a new site. Discussions followed on the logo – a line drawing of the Twrch Aqueduct, originally designed in 1981 and the colour to be used throughout the website. It was decided on Blue and White colours. The new website should be bilingual with instant translation should it be required. If instant translation not available then there should be a team of people who could translate for the website.

14. Historical Brief

- a. Clive Reed stated that the Canal Society has not been mentioned in any of the political literature that he has received during the current electioneering, and that nothing is being said about the heritage of the Swansea valley. It was the canal that opened the valley, and the society should be shouting about the restoration work and heritage of the canal.

15. AOB

- a. Green Flag Award. The inspection will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> April. As AE is not around MD volunteered to host.  
b. Lynne James has been in contact and asked about a speaker. AE to discuss further.  
c. Liz Mclver has asked for further information on the 225 as she would like to be involved.

16. DONM.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 1900 via zoom.

*Signed on Original*

M FULLER  
Secretary