

MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

15 March 2022

Present:

G Walker	J Gwalter	M Fuller	A Ellis
A Tremlett	Mrs V Fuller	Mrs S Ellis	P Rapsey

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| <p>1. Apologies: L Willicome, A Williams, J Donovan, M Davies, T Morris, Mr and Mrs G Thomas, J Davies</p> <p>2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with the following matters arising:
Item 8 – Party of the park land is to be given over to CRT for towpath redirection.
Item 9 – Flag pole – new one being given to the society</p> <p>3. Treasurers Report
a. The treasurer went through the balance sheet to explain all the entries.
b. There have been no significant receipts or payments in the last month.</p> <p>4. Education Officers Report
a. In touch with St Joseph's school in Clydach and will be organising some visits and canal walks.</p> <p>5. Grants and Funding
a. £10K from CRT actually £11,548. Invoice due for payment.
b. Brilliant Basics Fund – BBF agreed to extend the deadline for a further twelve months.</p> <p>6. Canoe Hire
a. A training day may be possible on 10th April.
b. Easter Bunny fun to take place on the 17th April with the Friends of the Park and Heritage Centre. Mrs SE will undertake a craft stall, with Mrs JW undertaking to make some Easter egg covers.
c. St Joseph's school donated £200 towards the society – it was suggested that they have a free paddle as a thank you.
d. Mr Squires Cila school canoe day will take place on 13th June. 4 volunteers are available to assist
e. Prices to remain the same as last year - £5 single Kayak, £10 Double Kayak and single Canoe and £15 for a raft.
f. Request from Mrs VF for someone to assist, and follow through the work she does to then take over the running of the canoe store to allow continuity.</p> <p>7. Clydach Lock.
a. Terra Firma quoted £9K to conduct the soil samples. They visited the site last week and have now quoted £4K. Due to start work 6/7 April with results within a week. These will tell the society what can be done with the spoil.</p> <p>8. Coed Gwilym Slipway.
a. No further details.</p> <p>9. Hebron Road.
a. Started cleaning the walls.
b. Mural completed.</p> <p>10. SC225
a. The SC225 team met with the CRT team at the Waterfront Museum on 28 February. Looked at the display space, agreed responsibilities with them and us. JD to produce an outline of the display in the next few weeks. Museum very keen to work with us and can provide artifacts, printing, video services etc. Steve Bagley (CRT) will provide a list of items at Ellesmere Port for our consideration, maybe some that are Swansea specific.
b. Met with Abercraf Happy Helpers on 11 March to touch base and brought them up to speed on the work that we've been doing. They are keen to start work on the sluice gate. Need to get a decision from CRT on ownership within the next week. They also wish to open up the leet in the land they hope to acquire, possibly with our help?
c. Lighthouse theatre are no longer our preferred partner as they are not able to undertake the play. There are other options that are being followed up.
d. Clothing. Great work is being done as shown recently at a photo shoot at the canal.
e. Liz McIvor. Has been contacted and is very keen to be involved in the planning and events. Need to arrange a date for her to visit when there is something to show her.</p> | |
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11. Work Parties.

- a. The work at Riverside is looking good, however further work has been curtailed by a sewerage leak into the canal.
- b. Next work party at Trebanos on 22nd March.

12. WRG Sumer Camp.

- a. No further details

13. Web site and social media

- a. Contacted NETBOP who are willing to assist with the creation of a new website, however the starting price is £2K. Further enquiries are being made. A budget of between £500 and £2K was agreed.

14. Historical Brief

- a. Clive Reed is selling artifacts that have been given to him as presents. Two of which are Swansea Canal items. One is a weight limit diamond sign for £300 the other is a GWR boundary marker from Pontardawe.

15. AOB

- a. Secretary to write to CRT about the removal of a tree at Coed Gwilym Park as it is dangerous. A lady walking her dog was nearly hit by a falling branch.

16. DONM.

- Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 1900 via zoom. Invitation to be opened to as many as possible.

Signed on Original

M FULLER
Secretary