

MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

19 October 2021

Present:

J Gwalter M Davies M Clarke M Fuller
A Ellis Mrs G Thomas Mrs V Fuller A Tremlett

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| <p>1. Apologies: L Willicome, Sue Ellis, J Donovan, JA Davies, A Williams, G Walker</p> <p>2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.</p> <p>3. Treasurers Report</p> <p>a. Overall financial situation has not changed</p> <p>b. Data Protection – The CCTV license is registered and paid at the Information Commissioners office, but we should probably appoint a Data Protection Officer now we are registered</p> <p>c. Gift Aid – we are now fully registered with HMRC for Gift Aid. If you have made gifts in kind, these are not eligible for gift aid. However, if you legitimately claim expenses for anything you can give the society the amount as a donation which can then be claimed as gift aid. Claims can be made on donation over the past four years.</p> <p>AE asked if this applies to membership fees? JG to check from a bookkeeping/accounting view as this would mean £2.50 from every £10</p> <p>AE Email we shouldn't be using personal email. JG to check limit of addresses on a business email for the Societies emails.</p> <p>d. Next years Insurance input from individuals will be required – Site, Canoe store and Hebron.</p> <p>4. Education Officers Report</p> <p>a. We have received £200 from St. Josephs school, JD was working with them on a competition last summer, they won and donated to us. We will offer them a free paddle next year. Thank you to JD for his work.</p> <p>b. 22nd November JD has a day's teaching on the Mon and Breck</p> <p>5. Grants and Funding</p> <p>a. Clydach Lock – Postcode Lottery has awarded a grant of £20,000. The Canoe Foundation has awarded a grant of £5,000 towards Portage Ramps.</p> <p>b. JG, AT, JAD and Patrick Moss attended a meeting on 11th October with 'Brilliant Basics'. This was very positive and a number of issues were discussed. They confirmed that full match funding will be required, which leaves us with a shortfall of £30,375.</p> <p>b. Volunteer hours do count as they show commitment.</p> <p>c. The wind Farm funds will be announced tomorrow. We applied for £29,417 towards refurbishment of the Clydach Canal Centre.</p> <p>d. A big thank you to John for the funding.</p> <p>6. Canoe Hire</p> <p>a. Ronnie has been in contact with Palm and priced up the equipment the canoe store requires. She has still to reapply for the funding. Palm has said there is a shortage of equipment globally. Some of the equipment has one year left before it becomes out of date for use.</p> <p>b. An event for the community is being held on the 31st October, "Spooky in the park", this will be a collaboration between FOCGP, Clydach Heritage Centre and SCS</p> <p>c. A big thank you to the canoe team, who raised £4,500 plus £800 for repairs, to ensure the equipment is water worthy.</p> <p>AE asked how many SCS members work at the canoe store whilst it is open to the public? VF answered it is mainly members of the public who are interested in paddling. There are only a few SCS members who support the canoes.</p> <p>7. Clydach Lock.</p> <p>a. JG more digging required to find the puddle clay. This is awaiting funding.</p> <p>b. CRT will be dredging between the Mond Lock and Hebron Road in Oct/Nov</p> <p>8. Coed Gwilym Slipway.</p> <p>a. Is to be done by Swansea Council Contractors. JG needs a map or signed copy of the slipway plans from CRT.</p> <p>b. Current cost is £4,000 plus VAT and an extra additional cost for chippings and extra for drainage. IWA money is in the bank this week including the increased amount.</p> <p>9. Hebron Road.</p> <p>a. The painting has been slowed down due to the rain.</p> <p>b. We are waiting on the Topographic report. The survey was completed on the 29th September.</p> | |
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10. SC225

- a. Projects are carrying on. Articles in the Pontardawe and Clydach local magazines explaining the 225 celebrations, to date no one has been in touch.
- b. Annette is working hard on her maps.
- c. Gordon gave us a tour around the back of Clydach on to Morryston then to the Hafod area. This information can be used to support the maps and presentation.
- d. A video is being produced, using this to take to schools, meet with history groups, showing what event can happen during 2023.
- e. The banner now has the canal on it, SE is putting on the lettering which has been donated by Valley printers. Once it has travelled along the canal line, it will rest in the National Waterfront Museum as part of a joint exhibition.
- f. The story of Jewel. VF is trying to find the family, in order to gain permission for The Lighthouse Theatre Company to run it as a play. This is a local story and shows how hard it was for those who worked on the canal and their horses.
- g. The Trail Boat Festival 27th – 29th May 23 is the date. A PA system, beer tent and food stalls will be required in the park. It will be in the Trail Boaters Calendar for these dates.

AT a Sub-Committee will have to be set up for this event. Cooperation will be required with other organisations, Friends of Coed and Heritage Centre, Clydach Community Council, Swansea Council for an events license, ice cream traders, stall holders etc. 20-40 boats on the water up to the golf course. 2/3 evenings entertainment from local groups or maybe theatre group will be required. WRG to undertake the work at Trebanos lock prior to the festival. Three judges will be required for the events, illumination and boat handling.

11. Work Parties.

- a. JG to chase CRT for the waterproof jackets and more safety gear. To be stored in the site office.
- b. GT a signing out form to prevent people collecting kit and leaving and not returning it.
- c. GW is back and will detail the work parties.
- d. AT has cleared the trailer, now its tidy and with the tools we need.

12. WRG Sumer Camp.

- a. MD Jenny Murray has asked 3 questions. 1) Time of the year for 2022 weeks? Response not school holidays to separate but may overlap
- 2) How many camps we can host? 1 or 2
- 3) Where? Slipway, Trebanos lock brickwork frontage re-build, or Ynysmeudwy lock to complete.

13. Web site and social media

- a. Nothing further to report, AE to work on the SC225

14. AOB

- a. Historical Brief, AT to invite Clive Reed to the SC225 meeting on the 8th November
- b MC - My Green Valley will leave the area covered by MC and J A. They have asked for a joint litter pick x3 Christmas themed using work boats. Society to offer 14th Dec. This can be doubled up as the Xmas video
- c. Christmas do. Due to Covid to be review in January 2022.

15. DONM.

Tuesday 14th December, AGM 1900 in the Vardre Rugby Club.

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M FULLER
Secretary