

MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

15 February 2022

Present:

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

1. Apologies: L Willicome, A Williams, J Donovan

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

3. Treasurers Report

- a. The changes to signatories and email destinations decided at the September's meeting are still to be completed due to being away on holiday for most of January.
- b. The society has received notification of a £5K legacy from Mrs Lilian Smith, a resident of Clydach. Further details to be issued when available.
- c. An invoice for £10K has been sent to CRT. This can take up to six weeks to be actioned.
- d. JG will be looking to retire when reaching the age of 80. To that end there has been a link made to Reach to find a replacement treasurer.

4. Education Officers Report

- a. Nothing further to report.

5. Grants and Funding

- a. £1k received from the Ethel and Gwynne Morgan Trust.
- b. Brilliant Basics Fund – A TEAMS meeting was held on 31st January and 8th February with a preparatory zoom meeting with Patrick Moss on 7th February. BBF agreed to extend the deadline for completion until 26th September 2022, though they would prefer the grant to be spent within 6 months. No advance payments will be made prior to planning consent being in place. BBF will advise on the drawdown arrangements, which were previously 50:30:20. JG's schedule of completion was a useful contribution to these meetings.
- c. Glandwr Cymru – phoned David Morgan on 9th February about the £10K match funding. He will arrange a CRT purchase order number for SCS to claim the funding backed up by the invoices to be paid or re-imbursed.
- d. Patrick Moss (PM), MNY – phoned earlier – PM agreed to email an outline of work needed to meet the planning conditions, with costings and time scale, by the end of this week. In addition, an outline of the support to be provided by PM during the remainder of the "Clydach Lock – Bringing Back the Boats" scheme including liaison with Glandwr Cymru, with costings and time scale, by the end of the week.
If the quotes are approved by the trustees, PM will oversee the soil analysis and remediation work to be undertaken by Terra Firma Wales. Liaising with GW's contact, he will check that the TFW quote covers all work required.
- d. Contractors working on the construction phase will need to keep documentary records – PM will advise on what is required. The issue of Liability will also be covered.
- e. An application to the Gemma Foundation for the book was unsuccessful.

6. Canoe Hire

- a. New helmets and 100m of floating rope have been purchased. The old orange-coloured helmets need to be given to the Climbing Centre as they are climbing helmets.
- b. A work party would be required at the canoe store to spruce up the store. It was decided that the work party would attend the store the following week.
- c. Planning another community event – Easter bunny fun to take place on the opening day of the season Easter Sunday. The Friends of the Park and Heritage Centre are both onboard with the proposal.

7. Clydach Lock.

- a. As stated in section 5.
- b. CDM – It has come to our attention that our projects fall under the Health and Safety guidance. To that end AT has been attending an online course so that we can comply with H&S laws and paperwork. Each contractor will need to be appointed and accept in writing. H&S will then need to be informed prior to work commencing. The Society will have overall control of the project as responsibility falls on the society. A H&S file needs to be created. GW proposed a vote of thanks to AT for attending the course.

8. Coed Gwilym Slipway.

- a. The new towpath is to be transferred from Swansea Council to CRT.

9. Hebron Road.

- a. James Daley Homes starting work on the site. By the end of next week, the garden walls and gates will be worked on.
- b. Ian Davis (Architect) has completed his work. However, the SCS is looking to find an alternative architect.
- c. Flagpole to be re-instated.
- d. Precautionary note – CDM for this project may be down to the society.

10. SC225

- a. Provisional offer from Waterfront Museum has been ratified. The SC225 team are attending the museum on 28th to discuss further.
- b. It was suggested that more people should be contacted with regards to the 225 Celebrations as our Patron would like to be involved.
- c. There is a meeting with Happy Helpers (Abercraf) on 26th February.
- d. More items going on in the background.

11. Work Parties.

- a. The edge at Riverside is looking good.
- b. Next work party at Coed Gwilym Park on 22nd February.

12. WRG Sumer Camp.

- a. Dates have been confirmed 3-10 and 17-24 September. The scout hut has been provisionally booked.

13. Web site and social media

- a. There has been a deafening silence from the web designers IF JG and Mrs Gwalter could supply details of the person who did the design for the Tennant Canal, they could be contacted to see if a new web site could be created.
- b. Owain Lewis (OL) is not going around to collect money for the 100 Club, but our current website is not secure. Bank payments would need to be paid for, if a further site was set up under our current system. It is therefore suggested that we wait until the new website is set up before accepting online payments for the 100 Club.

14. Historical Brief

- a. Nothing to report.

15. AOB

- a. Rick Hughes from the Tennant Canal has been to visit to see what the Society does. He has the Tennant Family onboard to try and re-open/clean up the canal.
- b. There is a hole at Ynysmeudwy. A fence has been placed around the hole.

16. DONM.

Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 1900 in the Vardre Rugby Club.

Signed on Original

M FULLER
Secretary