

MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

6 January 2020

Present:

G Walker	J Gwalter	M Davies	T Pugh
M Fuller	A Ellis	P Rapsey	T Morris
C Reed	Ms A Hudson	G Thomas	Mrs G Thomas
Mrs V Fuller	A Tremlett	I Wilson	M Coulter
Mrs J Wilson	Mrs J Coulter	P Andrews	J Davies
D Giddings	M Alexander	Mrs L Terns	

1. Apologies: L Willicome, S Ellis, J Donovan, A Williams
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted, matters arising from previous meeting: None
3. Treasurers Report
 - a. I have received copies of the title deeds for the towpath diversion in Coed Gwilym Park slipway. Now awaiting engineering approval of the plans from CRT, before getting final approval to submit the towpath diversion application.
 - b. Have spoken with David Morgan about a partnership for the Council Yard restoration. A meeting on this has been called with Mark Evans for 18th January.
4. Education Officers Report
 - a. Shall be undertaking an assembly in Ystradgynlais on 16th January on water safety.
 - b. Have a booking for March at Knelson Primary School in Gower to introduce the Swansea Canal to years 5 and 6.
5. Grants and Funding
 - a. Thank you for filling in the various forms.
 - b. Report has been written for the match funding.
 - c. Application has been made to the National Lottery Funding for funds for an open day at Coed Gwilym Park.
 - d. Unfortunately missed the deadline for the October Community Chest but hope to apply for the January drawdown.
6. Planning Meeting Reports.
 - a. Slipway, drawings done.
 - b. Clydach Lock – Patrick Moss suggested four stages.
 - c. Alex Hampton would like plans of the work to be undertaken over the next year, to be ready for a meeting on 17th February.
7. Publicity Sub Committee.
 - a. The Video for Christmas was very successful.
 - b. CRT Storage facility, on Hebron Road, is to be cleaned and can be used as a workshop.
8. WRG Summer Camp 2020.
 - a. Trebanos has been suggested for summer camp, to reinforce the banks and undertake repairs to the lower lock. Week 4 – 11 July.
 - b. Deposit paid to the Scout hut for accommodation.
9. Canoe Hire
 - a. The application for the Sports Wales Community Chest need to ensure we are increasing the benefits for the community, over a large age range and including all ethnicities, and accessibility for all persons, including Duke of Edinburgh Award participants, the scout's associations, youth groups etc.
 - b. Gower Activity Centre to commence using the canal in March. A meeting has been arranged with Stuart Burns on 28th January.
 - c. Crynant WI (Mrs Jean Wilson) would like to use the canoes during the season.
 - d. Canoe Hire would require 16 personnel to commit to 6 Sundays over the season. This would cover the complete season.
 - e. Prices to remain the same as last season.

10. Work Parties.

a. Have the opportunity of having a task force of prisoners, under Prison Officers supervision. It was agreed that if this could be arranged, they could work on the section between the Mond and Pont John Bridge.

11. Web site and Social Media

a. AE went to a workshop and learnt a lot. Now embarking on having the website bilingual.

12. Canal History.

a. There is a three feet high chimney pot in the depot. Made at the Ynysmeudwy Pottery.

b. The Royal Commission has had the Swansea Canal Book copy edited and have put together a new team to complete the book. Hopefully to be ready by late 2020.

c. Clive to write to CADW about listed historical monuments in the local area that need looking at.

13. AOB

a. Recycling is to be continued. GW to obtain more blue bags.

b. Patronage. Gareth Edwards to be asked, however it was suggested that we ask CRT (David Morgan) for his thoughts before contacting Gareth. It was also suggested that we wait until after the Queens Award for Voluntary Service result before asking about Royal patronage.

c. Our Thanks to Gareth Williams for undertaking the BBC Wales interview.

d. Well done to the volunteers, Whitethorns personnel, and Swansea Volunteer Services for blitzing the garden in Swansea.

14. DONM.

Monday 10th February 2020, 1900 at the Vardre Rugby Club.

Signed on Original

M FULLER