

# MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

## 9 March 2020

### Present:

G Walker            J Gwalter            M Davies            A Ellis  
P Rapsey            C Reed                G Thomas            A Tremlett  
Mrs G Thomas    Mrs V Fuller        J Davies              A Williams  
M Fuller

1. Apologies: L Willicome, S Ellis, J Donovan,

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

#### 3. Treasurers Report

- a. No further progress on the Coed Gwilym slipway as the meeting had to be postponed.
- b. Laminated copies of the public liability certificate for display are now available.
- c. Banked a grant Of £2,500 from the Ethel and Gwynne Morgan trust towards the book publication. This reduces the provision from our general fund to £15,500.
- d. Ongoing fundraising scheme to cover running costs is still needed. We really need the extra income.

#### 4. Education Officers Report

- a. Delivered a session in Ystradgynlais, two in Kneiston and am scheduled to deliver two water safety assemblies on Thursday at Newton and Brynmil.
- b. Planning to contact St Joseph's before Easter to organise their usual canal side sessions.

#### 5. Grants and Funding

- 5.1 Book. Two further grants have been applied for. One has arrived – Ethel and Gwynne Morgan Trust, and the Foyle foundation. It was suggested that the trustees of the Morgan Trust be invited to become life members of the Society.
- 5.2 Clydach Lock. An application for funding has been sent off.
- 5.3 A verbal confirmation of £18K with a further £2K has been received from the IWA, however, they do have some questions that will need answering.

#### 6. Planning Meeting Reports.

- 6.1 Slipway – Nothing further to add
- 6.2 Clydach Lock – Nothing further to add
- 6.3 Work plans for 2020 – Add to the Planning/Project Planning meeting from 4 November 2019, that a digger is to be provided to find the wall at Trebanos.

#### 7. Publicity Sub Committee.

- a. Annett is working on the adaptations to water aids, with the wood and ladders being provided by GW.
- b. Nest Clydach Community Council meeting planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> March, where there has been interested in the canal and signposting.

#### 8. WRG Summer Camp 2020.

- a. Planning for the camp is progressing

#### 9. Canoe Hire

- a. Training Day on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00. Will discuss Rota with work party on Tuesday.
- b. Need more keyholders available to open the Canoe Store on Sundays during the season.

#### 10. Work Parties.

- a. Dredging of the Mond area is due to commence in October. The overgrown Tow Path between the Mond and Pont John has been reported to CRT
- 10.1 Tai Tarian Community Project – possibility of two apprentices working with the Society. Gordon the liaison with a view they may be able to work on the bench sites.
- 10.2 All Wales Taskforce – No further information has been received; we await further details.

#### 11. Web site and Social Media

- a. Still muddling on

#### 12. Green Flag Community Award.

- a. Nothing to report

#### 13. Canal History.

- a. CR has written to CADW, and has been published in the Ponty Mag, ref the protection of the Brewery in Pontardawe. CR will also discuss this with the local AM.

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| <p>b. JAD to ask senior planning officers at the local councils to consult the Canal Society on anything that could affect the canal.</p> <p>c. The book – Royal Commission and publishers are entering the images into the pages.</p> <p>d. CR is working with personnel from Ynystawe Patent Fuel Works on their history as they wish to place a plaque at the ruins of the works.</p> <p>14. AOB</p> <p>a. An application has been entered for the benches</p> <p>b. 17<sup>th</sup> March will see a presentation of a plaque, in Coed Gwilym Park, commemorating the Societies 50,000 hours with CRT</p> <p>c. The model of the Mond Lock is to be encased in glass at the Clydach Heritage Centre</p> <p>15. DONM.<br/>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 1900 at the Vardre Rugby Club.</p> |  |
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