

**Minutes of Swansea Canal Society Annual General Meeting
held at Vardre Rugby Club on 3rd August 2016**

Those Present:

Gordon Walker, Chairman; John Gwalter Treasurer and Acting Secretary; John Davies; Paul Rapsey; Miles Thomas; Martin Davies; Liz Willicombe; Hywel Lewis; Gareth Thomas; Lynne Gent ; Clive Reed, Historical Consultant; Michelle Davidson; Gareth Thomas; Gill Thomas; Toby Morris.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Andy Ellis; Sue Ellis; Nigel Craddock; Alan Williams; R. Morgan; G&E Williams.

2. **Minutes of last AGM held on 15th December 2015**

The minutes were taken as read and accepted unanimously.

3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Chairman's Report**

Congratulations are due to all the volunteers for the tremendous achievements of last 8 months including Trebanos Lock bywash and bank repair, rebuilding the towpath wall at Clydach Lock and reinstating the canal bank at Coed Gwilym Park.

They are also to be congratulated on receiving the Green Flag Award and becoming Green Flag national winners.

Thanks are also due to Andy and Alan for their hard work as Funding Managers and to John Gwalter, Treasurer for taking on many of the secretarial duties.

We were disappointed at the cancellation of Waterway Recovery Group camp and to avoid this in future Michelle Davidson has been put forward for training as a future WRG camp team leader.

5. **Secretary's Report**

Sincere thanks were given to our former secretary Martin Davies for his sterling work. He will be a hard act to follow.

6. **Treasurer's Report.**

The treasurer tabled a short written report with the statement of financial affairs and balance sheet from the full accounts which have been available to all members on the web site or on request for the last 2 months for everyone to see.

The accounts have been examined and approved by the auditors.

The funding of publication of the forthcoming Swansea Canal book was discussed. Our contribution to the final cost of producing the book is estimated at £13,000, retailing at about £30 with an allocation to Swansea Canal Society between 300 to 400 books.

The adoption of accounts was proposed by Gill Thomas, seconded by Martin Davies and passed unanimously.

7. **Election of Officers.**

The existing officers were re-elected unanimously and in addition John Davies was elected as Liaison Assistant to the Chairman with job title Liaison Officer on a motion proposed by Martin Davies and seconded by Hywel Lewis.

8. **Winding up of the Swansea Canal Society.**

It was explained that this has become necessary due to land being given to Swansea Canal Society by Swansea City Council as the charity in its present form cannot legally own land. The trustees believe that it is in the interests of Swansea Canal Society and its members that the existing charity be wound up and its membership and assets be transferred to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), properly registered with the Charity Commission and having the same name and aims.

This was proposed by Gordon Walker, seconded by Liz Willicombe and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

9. **Any Other Business.**

No matters were raised and the meeting was closed.