

MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

11 January 2022

Present:

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| G Walker | J Gwalter | M Fuller | A Ellis |
| Mrs G Thomas | A Tremlett | M Davies | G Thomas |
| O Lewis | J Donovan | J Davies | |

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| <p>1. Apologies: L Willicome, A Williams, Mrs V Fuller, Mrs S Ellis</p> <p>2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. The insurance premium update has been agreed.</p> <p>3. Treasurers Report</p> <p>a. Overall financial situation has not changed</p> <p>b. Some changes to the balance sheet have been made to make it easier to pick out the significant figures. The restricted cash has now been subtracted from the unrestricted cash to show more clearly how much money is available for running the society. The essential running costs are approximately £6K per annum.</p> <p>c. The changes to signatories and email destinations decided at the September's meeting are still to be completed due to inertia over the festive period.</p> <p>4. Education Officers Report</p> <p>a. Visited St Joseph's Cathedral School and had a good session on the canal. the children being very interested in the 225 celebrations.</p> <p>b. Intend to commence visiting schools prior to half term with a reference to the 225 anniversaries.</p> <p>5. Grants and Funding</p> <p>a. Gone past fundraising stage. Now at the spending stage. Once finalised contractors can be engaged to start the work. It is anticipated that some contractors will be able to commence work on Friday 14th January.</p> <p>b. Consent required for Clydach Lock site. A meeting with CRT has been arrange in the next few weeks to discuss. Also have a meeting with Brilliant Basics later in the month to discuss the way ahead.</p> <p>c. Some of the funds pledged requires the invoice prior to payment.</p> <p>6. Canoe Hire</p> <p>a. This year is the 40th anniversary of the Falklands War. As MF is a veteran of that war, he will be attending events around the UK to mark the anniversary. MF and Mrs VF will therefore not be available to run the canoe store every weekend during the season. The society will need to arrange other members to open the store when MF and Mrs VF are not available. Current event dates are 29 May, 5 June, and 18 June; however, it is expected more events will be arranged throughout the summer.</p> <p>b. Asked if canoes would be available for hire for street parties for the Platinum Jubilee. The canoes will be available if there are volunteers to undertake such events.</p> <p>7. Clydach Lock.</p> <p>a. The company that was to undertake the soil testing has now stated it cannot do the test required. A different company has now been found.</p> <p>8. Coed Gwilym Slipway.</p> <p>a. Towpath from Trebanos to Coed Gwilym Park is being tarmacked and nearing completion. The contractors will be giving a price to tarmac the area around the canoe store.</p> <p>b. Swansea council are giving 1000 trees for planting along the edge of the towpath behind the fencing.</p> <p>c. Drainage has been put in so that water that collects in front of the canoe store can drain away to the rear of the building in the wood, created a small wetland area.</p> <p>9. Hebron Road.</p> <p>a. Work due to commence shortly.</p> <p>10. SC225</p> <p>a. AH continues to be busy with the video</p> <p>b. SE busy with sewing and knitting creating costumes.</p> <p>c. Museum Display – JD to re-visit to discuss further.</p> <p>d. Swansea University have offered assistance with the 225 projects to try and capture</p> | |
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people's memories.

11. Work Parties.

a. With Covid rampant again it was decided to halt working parties. Next one possibly 25th January. All attendees should have an Lateral Flow Tet prior to attending and bring their own drinks.

12. WRG Sumer Camp.

a. Awaiting decisions from WRG.

13. Web site and social media

a. AE has found a company in Llansamlet who could redo the website. AE asked to investigate with a possible view to a completely new website.

14. Historical Brief

a. Nothing to report.

15. AOB

a. Club 100. If possible, the next point is to get the website updated and get ready to start the first draw. It was asked if it was possible to use the PayPal account for the 100 club, but would need to have a way of distinguishing between the club 100 and membership accounts.

b. Rebecca Phillips has enquired about the publicity phot shoot at the "Happy to Chat" Benches. Two of the benches are already fitted, so one of these could be used. It is anticipated that the third bench will be fitted later this month when work parties are allowed.

c. George Lewis commemorative bench has been placed on the towpath by the family and Swansea City Council.

16. DONM.

Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 1900 in the Vardre Rugby Club.

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M FULLER

Secretary