

MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
3 August 2021

Present:

G Walker	J Gwalter	M Davies	A Pugh
M Fuller	A Ellis	Mrs S Ellis	C Reed
Mrs G Thomas	Mrs V Fuller	A Tremlett	D Rooke
S Todd			

1. Apologies: L Willicome, J Donovan, A Williams, S Williams, A Hudson, J Davies, L Gent, G Thomas, T Morris, R Squires
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.
3. Chairman's Report;
The Chairman thanked the following: - The members for working in the current circumstances, A big Thank You to John Andrew Davies and Andy Ellis for their fundraising efforts. Vale, CRT and Swansea Council. Annette Hudson for the hard work she has done on adaptations, the 225 Group. Ronnie and Mike for the work on the canoes, John Gwalter for the treasurer work, Gill Thomas for collating all the hours worked.
Sad to say that the WRG camp had to be cancelled.
Next year we hope to go from strength to strength.
4. Treasurers Report
Accounts for 2019/2020 were late being input to the Charity Commission.
The society has stayed on an even keel – making a small running loss as expenditure was more than income, except for grant funds. Running costs/insurance and the book costs have lost £3.9K.
5. Election of Trustees/Appointees.
Mike Fuller to be elected as a Trustee and as Secretary
Gordon Walker to be re-elected as Chairman
John Gwalter to be re-elected as Treasurer
John Andrew Davies to be re-elected as Fund Raiser
Alan Tremlett to be re-elected as trustee
Veronica Fuller to be re-elected as trustee
Gill Thomas to be re-elected as trustee
Officials to be re-elected – Proposed by Clive Reed, seconded by Andy Ellis – Carried unanimously.
6. A.O.B.
 - a. Proposal that Clive Reed become President of the Swansea Canal Society – carried unanimously.
 - b. David Rooke requested a trustee from the society become a board member of the Friends of Coed Gwilym Park. Veronica Fuller volunteered.
Update on Coed Gwilym Park. Clydach council have withdrawn, and the Friends will be getting a lease from Swansea Council. Have £89K already in funds with more on the way. Foundations for the new pavilion will hopefully be laid in January with a 6-month build.
The Canal Society will need to contact Lewis Hinds for the lease on the canoe store.
 - c. Tony Pugh (Inland Waterways). The Brian Sheppard Award. Brian Sheppard was born in Pontypridd near the Glamorganshire Canal in which he became interested at an early age. He became an IWA member and had an absorbing interest in canals – in their history and engineering and in cruising widely over our waterways system. An engineer by profession, Brian and his family lived for many years in the Bridgend area and, latterly, after retirement, they moved to Llansawel, Carmarthenshire, with Brian retaining his waterways interests.
In January 2001 Brian died suddenly whilst abroad on holiday. A substantial sum of money, donated in lieu of flowers by many people attending the funeral, was given to the IWA South Wales Branch by the family. The Branch Committee decided it would be appropriate to commemorate Brian's Life and his contribution to the waterways cause by making an annual award. The South West region committee asks for nominations and decides annually who should receive it.
After discussion with Brian's family, it was decided that the award should take the form of an authentic model of a Glamorganshire Canal Boat designed and made by John Burden, who is an acknowledged expert in this field. Each year since then it has been awarded to an individual who

<p>has made extra ordinary contributions to the UK Waterways. This year the award is given to Gordon Walker for the work he has done for the waterways. d. Access to Ynysmeudwy Lock. The farmer is not a friend to the society, and plans to use the land for farm work. Clive Reed has proof of access over the last 40 years – can we chase. In the hands of our solicitor at present. She needs 10 signatures. e. Swansea Canal Society Web Pages have only got headings and no information. This needs updating. Clive Reed willing to get the information to CRT. Andy Ellis will work together with Clive Reed to put the information into the correct headings. The story of Myra needs to be removed as she never had any dealing with the canal or the society. f. Clive Reed and Lynne Gent willing to help design the Clydach Canal Centre.</p> <p>7. Date of next meeting – to be issued</p>	
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Secretary