

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

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| <p>1. Apologies: L Willicome, S Ellis, J Donovan,</p> <p>2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.</p> <p>3. Treasurers Report</p> <p>a. No further progress on the Coed Gwilym slipway as the meeting had to be postponed.</p> <p>b. Laminated copies of the public liability certificate for display are now available.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>d. Ongoing fundraising scheme to cover running costs is still needed. We really need the extra income.</p> <p>4. Education Officers Report</p> <p>a. Delivered a session in Ystradgynlais, two in Kneiston and am scheduled to deliver two water safety assemblies on Thursday at Newton and Brynmil.</p> <p>b. Planning to contact St Joseph's before Easter to organise their usual canal side sessions.</p> <p>5. Grants and Funding</p> <p>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.</p> <p>5.2 Clydach Lock. An application for funding has been sent off.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>6. Planning Meeting Reports.</p> <p>6.1 Slipway – Nothing further to add</p> <p>6.2 Clydach Lock – Nothing further to add</p> <p>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.</p> <p>7. Publicity Sub Committee.</p> <p>a. Annett is working on the adaptations to water aids, with the wood and ladders being provided by GW.</p> <p>b. Nest Clydach Community Council meeting planned for 23rd March, where there has been interested in the canal and signposting.</p> <p>8. WRG Summer Camp 2020.</p> <p>a. Planning for the camp is progressing</p> <p>9. Canoe Hire</p> <p>a. Training Day on Sunday 29th March at 10.00. Will discuss Rota with work party on Tuesday.</p> <p>b. Need more keyholders available to open the Canoe Store on Sundays during the season.</p> <p>10. Work Parties.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>10.2 All Wales Taskforce – No further information has been received; we await further details.</p> <p>11. Web site and Social Media</p> <p>a. Still muddling on</p> <p>12. Green Flag Community Award.</p> <p>a. Nothing to report</p> <p>13. Canal History.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>b. JAD to ask senior planning officers at the local councils to consult the Canal Society on anything</p> | |
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that could affect the canal.

- c. The book – Royal Commission and publishers are entering the images into the pages.
- 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.

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- a. An application has been entered for the benches
- b. 17th March will see a presentation of a plaque, in Coed Gwilym Park, commemorating the Societies 50,000 hours with CRT
- c. The model of the Mond Lock is to be encased in glass at the Clydach Heritage Centre

15. DONM.

Monday 20th April 2020, 1900 at the Vardre Rugby Club.

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M FULLER