

Treasurer's Report to Swansea Canal Society Trustees as at Monday 6th April 2020

In the absence of monthly meetings, I will be publishing a monthly report including all the actions which have taken place in the last month.

The meeting with Alex Hampton about Coed Gwilym slipway rearranged for Wednesday 25th March was cancelled owing to COVID-19 restrictions. I have received email confirmation of the IWA grant towards slipway construction and have made a response to their queries on the construction standards and methods. I copied Alex Hampton to this reply and he responded with a telephone call where he explained in some detail the CRT requirement for the towpath not to be interrupted and his concerns over out planned construction methods. We will have a site meeting about these problems when the social distancing restrictions are lifted after which we hope to progress to formal permission to construct the slipway. In the meantime all relevant work must be on hold.

Face masks from our supply have been donated to the Clydach surgery together with work gloves for the team erecting a marquee to protect patients waiting outside the surgery because of social distancing. The craft team are busy making face masks for the Clydach health centre with assistance from the local sewing circle

The Waterways Recovery Group week is still on at the time of writing but will be subject to review in the light of the government's Covid-19 recommendations. IWA/WRG will be keeping us informed of any changes.

The short tutorial Alan Tremlett on the accounting system was held before the distancing provisions took effect and Alan now has the software and a test copy of the accounts on Friday. He is now able to take over if I become incapacitated.

The grant for the "Happy to Chat" benches has been received and Martin Davies is currently ensuring that we have the correct information to order them including the bilingual slogan.

The loan agreement with Clydach Heritage Centre for the Mond Lock model has been agreed and signed. Arrangements will be made to hand over the model when the display cabinet is ready.

John Davies has continued looking for more grants towards a trip boat but is finding that many grant making bodies are diverting all their funds towards to side effects of the Covid19 pandemic.

In the immediate future I will be devoting most of my time to the end of year statutory accounts.

The overall financial position of the society is still reasonably sound although if the book publication costs escalate much further, we may be unable to meet all our obligations towards it.

The provisional end of financial year Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet are attached together with the minutes of the last meeting.

John Gwalter
Hon. Treasurer