

# MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

## 10 May 2022

**Present:**

J Gwalter	M Fuller	C Reed	M Davies
A Tremlett	G Walker	A Ellis	Mrs S Ellis
J Donovan	O Lewis	JA Davies	Mrs V Fuller

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| <p>1. Apologies: L Willicome, A Williams, Mr and Mrs G Thomas, T Morris</p> <p>2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with the following matter arising:<br/>Item 14a – Literature was available.</p> <p>3. Treasurers Report</p> <p>a. The operating surplus shown in the Profit and Loss statement is associated with a large amount of gift aid donations.</p> <p>b. Received and invoice for £88.82 for the water rates at 42 Hebron Road. The water rate portion has been paid but the sewage charge will not be paid until Welsh Water can demonstrate that we have a viable sewer connection.</p> <p>c. Swansea Council issued a Zero rates bill for 42 Hebron Road for the year 2022-2023.</p> <p>d. The £19K unrestricted cash shown on the balance sheet is available to spend in running the society, however, this is over-allocated resulting in nett unrestricted liabilities of £3,577.97. It is suggested that we return to funds set aside for QAVS response and the fund for restoration to the general funds. This would reduce the deficit to £599.87. This was agreed.</p> <p>4. Education Officers Report</p> <p>a. There are ongoing visits to St Joseph's School.</p> <p>b. Trebanos School would like a Wednesday canal visit which will be led by Mrs G Thomas, with Mrs S Ellis assisting.</p> <p>5. Grants and Funding</p> <p>a. Money for Canoes – Vale happy to accept an application for replacement Kayaks and Buoyance Aids. Mrs V Fuller to gets cost of items to JAD for the application.</p> <p>b. 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mond will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> August, where there would be an open house. Would the Society like a stall?</p> <p>6. Canoe Hire</p> <p>a. Lots of bookings for Youth groups have been received, a list has been passed out to see which volunteers are available on which evening.</p> <p>b. Cila school are visiting on 13<sup>th</sup> June. Two groups so the heritage centre will be open for the one group while the other is on the water.</p> <p>c. GW has volunteered to undertake canoe hire on 29<sup>th</sup> May while MF is marching in Gosport as part of the Falkland 40 celebrations.</p> <p>d. Roof – GW to phone Swansea Parks for decision on who is paying for a replacement roof.</p> <p>7. Clydach Lock.</p> <p>a. Terra Firma have been in and conducted more sampling. There are contaminants at the site. JAD to ring Patrick Moss for an update.</p> <p>b. GW to ask the Mond if we could dump some of the soil in their site.</p> <p>c. Ecology report has been received – nothing to worry about.</p> <p>d. Hose pipe – has been put in place but needs a pump to get it working properly. Thanks go John Gwalter for undertaking the work.</p> <p>8. Coed Gwilym Slipway.</p> <p>a. James Daly has looked at and is interested in undertaking the work. The stone finish to the sides of the slipway have been dropped, the walls will be concrete with rubber strakes. The path diversion will be completed first, followed by the hard standing. This has all been agreed.</p> <p>9. Hebron Road.</p> <p>a. Path wall and Gates look lovely.</p> <p>b. GW met with James Daly and planning engineer. A quote has been received for a site survey and to provide plan drawings. The internal design to include shower, workshop, kitchen etc, liaising with the planning department. The quote of £4K excl VAT was agreed.</p> <p>c. JAD spoke with Emily at CRT reference the purchase of the CRT land and culvert. The land now priced at £2,600. Discussions are still underway about the water feeder which runs</p> |  |
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through the site. This culvert also goes under the road and through the garden's opposite. It was suggested that the society should not accept responsibility for anything other than that which is on our land. GW to talk to Mark Evans re the land and culvert.

10. SC225

- a. Making progress on the Waterfront Museum, schools, oriel Science, Play etc and meeting on Thursday via zoom.
- b. Met CRT last week to populate the calendar. Trail boat festival, museum displays and book were discussed. CRT would like to start the year with the book launch, venue to be confirmed, to invite Steve Hughes, Royal Commission etc. The notes from the meeting are attached.
- c. Trail boat festival. It is common for WRG regulars attending such events to assist. Can we enquire if the scout hut would be available for the weekend? Need to register the event with Swansea. The Community council have been informed with a view to getting involved with the 225.

11. Work Parties

- a. Next work party will be at Hebron Road.

12. WRG Sumer Camp.

- a. Martin Danks is visiting next week to discuss work required for the camps.

13. Web site and social media

- a. Emailed NETBOP declining their offer, therefore the new website has hit a slight pause.
- b. Discussions followed on the Logo, after a vote it was decided the original Logo will be used.

14. Historical Brief

- a. Candidate Site Application. CR has written to NPTCBC on behalf of the society about the LDP outlining the canal aspects. He has also written with regards to Pantyffynnon Boat Yard. OL suggested going direct to Welsh Assembly as they are ultimately responsible. It was decided to write to the councillors, with letters also sent to AM' and MP's.
- b. Drawings of the Lock Gate mechanisms for the Lower Clydach Lock Pully system are to be sent to Morgan Coles as CRT wish to recreate the lock gates.

15. AOB

- a. Nicholson's Canal Guides want an update on what the society is doing.
- b. Local Mag Deadline – nothing entered for June
- c. Yun Yun enquired if the society was receiving any levelling up funding. This is decided by the local authority, and JAD doesn't think we qualify for funding.
- d. Free guided tours around Hafod area if anyone is interested
- e. An enquiry was made as to whether the society could get further wet weather clothing from CRT. GW to investigate.
- f. CR enquired about access to the bridge at Ynysmeudwy as there are plans to build on the old Pottery site. GW to discuss with our solicitors.

16. DONM.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 1900 via zoom.

*Signed on Original*

M FULLER  
Secretary

**Alan Tremlett**

to me

Hi Mike,

At the late committee meeting I promised to send out draft details of the proposed Book launch. Would you please pass on my message below to your usual circulation list for monthly meetings.

Thanks,

Alan  
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Hello all,

As discussed briefly at the SCS Committee meeting on 10 May 2022, the SC225 team and CRT have outlined arrangements to launch the SCS book, which it is hoped will be published by the autumn of 2022. The following are draft proposals for discussion, which I committed to circulate to meeting attendees.

The launch is to take place early in January 2023, as the initial event of the celebration year [the book will then be available to promote at subsequent events throughout the year.] CRT have suggested the Dylan Thomas Centre or Swansea Museum as the possible venue, with an afternoon or early evening preferred.

We firstly need to check with the Royal Commission, and author Steve Hughes, that they are content with such a launch event, and confirm their availability to attend or support.

Invited attendees to include Mayors, civic leaders and councillors from Swansea, Neath and Powys, representatives from the Royal Commission, the Mond, SCS, CRT, community groups up and down the valley, etc. Max 80 persons.

Event format: joint opening introduction to the event by Gordon Walker (describe the canal, explain the history, work and aims of SCS, etc.) and Alan Tremlett (introduction to SC225 and 2023 year of events) (10mins max); brief history, facts and figures of the canal and its influence on development of the Swansea valley (Clive Reed -15mins max); introduce the book, how it came about, donations that enabled it, process of sourcing, drafting and proofing, etc. (Steve Hughes - 15mins max); launch the book (Royal Commission - 5mins max); refreshments, discussions and networking (30mins max). Total duration of the event - around 1 hour max.

Your thoughts on these proposals would be welcome. Any comments to me please and I'll take them back to the SC225 group and CRT.

Cheers,

Alan