

Swansea canal society zoom meeting 30/08/2022

Present- Gordon Walker GW, John Gwalter JG, Alan Tremlett AT, Andy and Sue Ellis AE SE, Toby Morris TM, Gill Thomas GT, John Andrew Davies JAD, Sharon Blackford SB

Apologises Martin Davies, John Donovan, Martin and Ronnie Fuller unable to get online for the meeting.

Treasure report- JG is to seek out artefacts locations in various places. JG to start an acquisition register.

Education report- JD has had family visitors all summer.

Grants and funding- JAD has listed and recorded all grants presently connected to Hebron road and Hidden Lock site and the time scale allowed on spending these grants.

Canoe hire- M and R unable to get reliable internet connection. Therefore AT and GT to identify the present situation as the canoe hire has been run steadfastly for the last 6 months under very difficult conditions with the roof still not restored, this followed two years of operating a hire very successfully and profitably but under strict Covid measures by M and R and their teams. SCC has agreed to replace the roof as yet there is not date for the work. Meanwhile the damage to the equipment and filling boats with water means difficult and dangerous work. It was proposed that canoe hire would stop short this Sunday meaning a loss of income to the society. The value of the canoe hire in the community and promoting the Swansea canal is invaluable.

Coed Gwilym park slipway- Another 10k needed for completion. SCC transferred the land to CRT this is to be confirmed. Hebron road site plans for roof and building submitted to SCC for approval.

SCC225- Communications with Swansea waterfront museum continue meeting to be held shortly to discuss layout etc. Annette has been to printers to start printing her root of the canal. Book launch Andy still chasing. Ospreys and Swansea university involvement still ongoing SB has composed an excellent Swansea canal calendar for 2023 and it was decided that she ordered 250 calendars initially to sell for £5. A proposal by CRT to commission a stained glass window for the new canal centre was discussed and it was suggested that SE could be involved in the colour design.

Work parties- GT suggested that we should consider involving again parties of workers from various industries and businesses. GT asked to arrange.

WRG summer camp- There will be 2 separate work parties first one starting 03/09/22 the second two weeks later. Accommodation has been arranged as usual by Alan Williams, Tuesday's canal work party will be at Trebanos lock and it is arranged to provide the usual joint lunch. GW said there has been no help from the CRT for setting up the WRG. It was also noted that danger from a tree in that area needs to be again brought to CRT's attention.

Website and media links- A decision was made on the new logos after discussion the two chosen were Owain 1 for logo for t-shirts etc and 97 team 2 for canal correspondence (please check accuracy of this report) AE was contacted by Gill Harrison press officer CRT Wales re BBC programme Our Green Planet responded and awaiting a reply. SCC have been asked to set up a display on the Mond Open day 24/09/22. DONM 27/10/22.

