

MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

7 February 2023

Present:

G Walker	Mrs V Fuller	M Fuller	JA Davies
J Gravelle	A Tremlett	Mrs S Blackford	

<p>1. Apologies: L Willicome, A Williams, M Davies, G Thomas, Mrs G Thomas, A Ellis, Mrs S Ellis J Donovan, T Morris, C Morris, P Rapsey, J Gwalter</p> <p>2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with actions ongoing.</p> <p>3. Treasurers Report</p> <p>a. Only significant event since last meeting is the receipt of £40,451 from the Welsh Assembly Government as first advance payment and reimbursement of past expenses against the Brilliant Basics grant.</p> <p>b. A claim for the balance of the Gower Society Grant towards Clydach Lock is in hand and is expected to be received within the month.</p> <p>c. Still not received the expenses invoice from the IWA for the two summer camps at Trebanos locks, however there is adequate provision for this in the balance sheet. Any surplus will be taken back into the general funds.</p> <p>4. Education Officers Report</p> <p>a. Two sessions are booked on the 225 Anniversary and the canal as a local amenity to St Joseph's School on 28 February.</p> <p>b. Booked for Cribarth in Abercraf on 16 March to deliver a Water Safety Assembly and at Trebanos on 23 March.</p> <p>5. Grants and Funding</p> <p>a. SCS personnel met with Craig Fisher from Swansea Council, who appeared very interested in the projects along the canal. This may assist with further funding applications.</p> <p>6. Canoe Hire</p> <p>a. Two new two seat Kayaks, 50 Buoyancy aids, 10 extendable paddles and two sets of stabilisers have been purchased with the donation from Vale. These are currently stored in the Fuller's garage. The Vale Logo now needs to be attached to all items; this may be able to be achieved from Toppers in Llanelli.</p> <p>b. It was decided to give the old two seat kayaks to the local scouts if they would like them. GW to contact the Scout Master.</p> <p>c. It was also decided that the old buoyancy aids could be given away (for a donation) so long as they had a covering letter which stated that the SCS has no responsibility or liability for their use. This covering letter also to be done for the two-man kayaks.</p> <p>d. The documentation for the Canoe and Kayak operation is under review.</p> <p>7. Clydach Lock.</p> <p>a. Contractors have been appointed, and have commenced the work. The liner has been ordered and should be fitted next week.</p> <p>b. The concrete blocks for the sides of the canal are due to be delivered soon and fitted once the liner has been laid.</p> <p>c. The next stage will be do undertake the Portage Ramps and the by wash.</p> <p>8. Coed Gwilym Slipway.</p> <p>a. James Daley is working the CRT on a Third-Party Agreement to install the slipway.</p> <p>b. Discussions were held on the possible trail boat festival for 2025. The general consensus was that the SCS does not have sufficient manpower to undertake such a large-scale event, but a smaller un-powered boating festival may be possible.</p> <p>9. Hebron Road.</p> <p>a. The meeting with Craig Fisher has pointed the SCS to possible further funding especially for a possible green roof, and installation of Solar Panels.</p> <p>b. Scaffolding is being placed around the building so the wall ties can be strengthened and the roof work commenced.</p> <p>10. SC225</p> <p>a. Continuing to make good progress.</p> <p>b. Party in the Park. It is hoped the Community Council will take on much of the work for Party in the Park. The Friends of Coed Gwilym are also looking at various aspects of the party and will try to raise funds for the day. VF has contacted National Lottery Wales and has a meeting with a funding officer to discuss the costs involved.</p> <p>c. VF has a virtual meeting with Nights Out on 14th February to discuss the play, Jewel.</p>	MF/VF
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<p>d. Waterfront Museum exhibition is being fine-tuned.</p> <p>e. Craig Y Nos are interested in hosting one of the Fluellen Theatre plays on Jewel. Discussions need to be held between Craig Y Nos and Fluellen.</p> <p>f. Videos of the memories of people who knew the canal in the past have been completed.</p> <p>g. A history Student from Swansea University has been loaned to the 225 Committee for up to 70 hours work. It was suggested they be put to use creating a Heritage based walk down the canal, that could be placed on our web site.</p> <p>11. Work Parties.</p> <p>a. Tuesday work parties working around the Clydach Lock have increased the flow of water. It is therefore proposed that next week the work party continues with the removal of silt and debris along the canal behind Capel Road. Meeting at Coed Gwilym Park at 0900 as usual</p> <p>b. Stone, stone dust and cement will also be ordered for CGP so that a wall connecting the two existing pieces, in front of the garden, can be built.</p> <p>c. Sunday work parties are working well.</p> <p>12. WRG Sumer Camp.</p> <p>a. It was felt that CRT placed too many obstacles in our way for a truly successful camp this year. After discussion it was decided to send a letter to CRT (Mark Evans).</p> <p>13. Web site and social media</p> <p>a. AE to be asked to place an advert on social media for a volunteer to undertake Treasurer duties. A cut-off date of 1st March was suggested.</p> <p>14. Historical Brief</p> <p>a. Nothing to report.</p> <p>15. AOB</p> <p>a. Nil</p> <p>16. DONM.</p> <p>Tuesday 7th March 2023, 1900 at New Inn, Clydach.</p>	<p></p> <p>MF</p> <p>AE</p>
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Secretary