

# MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

## 7 March 2023

Present:

G Walker	J Gwalter	M Fuller	JA Davies
J Gravelle	A Tremlett	Mrs S Blackford	T Morris
M Davies	J Donovan	A Ellis	Mrs G Thomas

1. Apologies: L Willicome, A Williams, G Thomas, Mrs S Ellis C Morris, P Rapsey, Mrs V Fuller
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.  
The buoyancy aids have been collected and now have the Vale logo on them. All other actions have been completed.
3. Treasurers Report
  - a. The receipt and defrayment of the Brilliant Basics grant from the Visit Wales part of the Welsh Assembly Government is going well with James Daley providing the necessary invoices in good time for the payments to be made within the required timescale. Defrayment evidence for the third payment has been sent and awaiting the fourth and final claim. Defrayment information for this payment and match funding can be provided before the end of the financial year.
  - b. The claim for the balance of the Gower Society Grant towards Clydach Lock has been approved.
  - c. The expenses invoice from the IWA for the two summer camps at Trebanos locks has been received and paid. The surplus has been taken back into the general funds.
  - d. £1,000 has been received from Mynydd y Gwair towards the Party in the Park.
  - e. If you wish to make a gift to the society it is important that any monies are paid by the society to reflect the full running costs. A cash donation can then be made, with Gift Aid if you still pay UK Tax.
4. Education Officers Report
  - a. A good session with St Josephs School was had on 28<sup>th</sup> February. This was aided by the fact that the work party as in Coed Gwilym Park and the children could see the work going on.
  - b. Visiting Trebanos and Trebarth Schools this month.
5. Grants and Funding
  - a. The EOI for Brilliant Basics has been completed. Photographs have been taken of the work in the Clydach Lock Site.
  - b. The Portage Ramp, paid for by The Canoe Foundation is due to be fitted this week. Photographs will be sent once completed.
  - c. An update is to be sent to the Postcode Lottery.
  - d. Further grants are being applied for – for the Clydach Canal Centre and for Match Funding for the Clydach Lock Site.
  - e. The Society may get further funding from Swansea Council for the Clydach Canal Centre, but the society will have to find match funding.
  - f. The Monmouthshire Building Society application is to be in by Tomorrow. It was decided to apply for a Petrol Mower and Strimmer and gardening equipment that could be stored in the CRT Workshops in Hebron Road.£800 is to be applied for.
  - g. £4.5K has been applied for and granted from The National Lottery for Party in the Park. This will be used to hire a stage and pay for the entertainment. Thanks go to Mrs Veronica Fuller for her work on this grant.
  - h. It was proposed to transfer the Ethel and Gwyn Morgan grant of £1,000 to the 225 Committee. Passed unanimously.
6. Canoe Hire
  - a. A Staff Rota has been produced.
  - b. Written procedures are being produced for the guidance of all staff undertaking canoe hire operations.
  - c. The society is getting enquiries from groups asking about hire this year. So far there is one Brownie group and Cila School.
  - d. A staff training day is to be organised for all persons undertaking the canoe hire this year.
7. Clydach Lock.
  - a. Contractors have completed the base for the canal and are due to complete the Portage Ramp this week.
  - b. Due to complete the current stages in the next two weeks.
8. Coed Gwilym Slipway.
  - a. Nothing further to add.
  - b. Swansea Council have been contacted with reference to providing personnel with experience to assist in running a Trailboat Festival in 2025. There has been no response yet.

c. A Trailboat festival meeting is to be set up in due course.

9. Hebron Road.

- a. James Daley has ordered the Girders and a crane. The roof will be ordered on completion of the girders so the building may be waterproof by late summer.
- b. The Post Code and Address of Hebron Road, are now on the Post Office website. This is 42 Hebron Road, Clydach, Swansea. A post box is situated at the address, to which Trustees will have a key.

10. SC225

- a. Waterfront Museum exhibition is being fine-tuned, with gaps being filled and cargoes being made.
- b. The opening event at the Museum will be on 19<sup>th</sup> April. Asking Gareth Edwards if he would open the event.
- c. Party in the Park team had a good meeting with Vale, who would like to assist in the event.
- d. Ospreys event. The football pavilion will be open, car parking is being organised, but the 225 team will need assistance with stewarding and car parking.
- e. A history Student from Swansea University has been loaned to the 225 Committee for up to 70 hours work. He will create a Heritage based walk down the canal, that could be placed on our web site and is working with David Viner.

11. Work Parties.

- a. Tuesday work parties working well.
- b. Next week in Pontardawe continuing the removal of weed and vegetation.
- b. Sunday work parties are working well.
- c. CRT would like a list of our projects as they are legally liable for our safety and the canal. To that end there will be a bimonthly meeting, so they can approve the work we plan to undertake.

12. WRG Sumer Camp.

- a. The list from the IWA of camps this year up until August has been published. The Swansea Canal Society may not get a camp this year.

13. Web site and social media

- a. The Book has been further delayed, therefore the proposed launch has to be postponed.
- b. The new website has been completed and will be going live tomorrow. There is an auto translate mechanism so the site will be bilingual.
- c. Email addresses. New email addresses are being set up for Canoes, Secretary etc.

14. Historical Brief

- a. Nothing to report.

15. AOB

- a. John Gravelle was co-opted onto the Trustees.

16. DONM.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 1900 at New Inn, Clydach.

*Signed on Original*

M FULLER  
Secretary