

MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

6 June 2023

Present:

J Gwalter	M Fuller	A Ellis	Mrs G Thomas
A Tremlett	Mrs S Blackford	J Gravelle	M Davies
Mrs V Fuller	P Rapsey	J Donovan	

1. Apologies: L Willicome, G Walker, JA Davies, A Williams, G Thomas, Mrs S Ellis, C Morris

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

3. Treasurers Report

a. Two major financial events during May were the firm offer of a large Transforming Towns grant, and the Party in the Park as part of the 225 celebrations.

b. A Limited amount of confusion about the paying of performers at the 225 events has indicated that a formal procedure needs to be put in place. This will be worked on with JG, JGr and AT and for it to be included in our standard procedures portfolio.

c. The end of year accounts are with the auditors.

d. An expenses slip will be produced for small items of expenses. This will need to be signed off by one of the trustees as independently verifiable.

e. The Trustees agreed to pay 45pence per mile to the members of the Planetarium who attended Party in the Park, as previously agreed with the Planetarium staff.

4. Education Officers Report

a. Eliza Botham at CRT, Leisa Williams at the Waterfront Museum and our Education Officer are putting together a week of activities for schools in June, culminating in the launch day for the 225 Exhibition on 23 June 2023. Currently two days, Monday and Tuesday have not been taken up by schools. Two schools will be attending the event launch on the 23rd June.

b. Dates for education visits with St Josephs School are to be confirmed

5. Grants and Funding

a. The Society has accepted a 70% Transforming Towns (Swansea Council) grant for the Swansea Canal Centre building.

b. The society is hoping for more funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund for the next phase of the Clydach Lock restoration, a decision is due by the end of the month.

c. It has been suggested that we apply to Tesco's for one of their blue token schemes. This may raise some funds towards match funding. It was also suggested that we apply for the Coop grant of up to £2,800. Both of these were agreed.

d. An opportunity for sponsorship has arisen with Vale. A meeting next week has been arranged with SB and VF attending to discuss lessons learned from Party in the Park and future opportunities, one of which may be a Pirates Day on the canal.

e. GWR has been asked to contribute £15K to the slipway in Coed Gwilym Park, with a possible two other contributors.

f. VF has not yet completed the Safeguarding course for completion of the SPF grant funding, but has it in hand.

6. Canoe Hire

a. All going well, but a little slower than last year. It was suggested that we have more advertising.

b. We have had three group bookings so far, one set of Guides and two Beavers. All enjoyed their experience.

c. Many thanks to all those who helped during Party in the Park. We had 90 Adults and 139 Children on the water that day.

d. More volunteers are required to assist when the store is open.

7. Clydach Lock.

a. Work is progressing well, with the wall of the by-wash.

b. No further contractor work is expected until further funding is arranged. The stone mason has almost completed topping the basin.

c. Planting is coming on strong with assistance from JAD, MD and Maura, with topsoil being available later in the year for the gardens.

d. HSBC will be sending 10 volunteers for a team building day on 20th June. MF organising.

8. Coed Gwilym Slipway.

a. Nothing further to report.

9. Hebron Road.

a. The roof is going on, with solar panels on the rear and the tiling almost complete. The next stage is awaiting funding, although £172K has been promised but not seen as yet.

10. SC225

- a. Waterfront Museum exhibition launch event to occur on 23rd June run by CRT. Invites will be put out by CRT for the Friday lunchtime event. For the society this will include Trustees and 225 committee personnel and those who has assisted with the 225.
- b. Ospreys event. The police have been informed and the Council has approved the event, with the fee for the park being paid by the 225 committee. Toilets are being provided by the 225 committee. Amberon are donating 20 No Parking Cones to the park for use on the day and at other events. Industries have been invited to attend and social media is being used to promote this event.
- e. Fluellen Theatre – as there has been no response at present for the planned August events, it has been decided to cancel this, and run a Pirates Day on the canal instead.
- f. Book launch has been delayed to possibly September/October

11. Work Parties.

- a. Tuesday work parties working well. Next week in Hidden Lock site to continue on the by-wash.
- b. HSBC will be attending on 20th June.

12. WRG Sumer Camp.

- a. Nothing planned for this year

13. Web site and social media

- a. Web site is running well so now is the time to start re-writing the content.
- b. The web blogs re-a mirrored to Facebook and Twitter, however, twitter may not be available in the future as it has become less popular.

14. Historical Brief

- a. CRT's survey of lock 6 is to find out how the mechanism for the lock gates worked as they do not believe there are detailed drawing of them in the archives.

15. AOB

- a. Green Flag Awards are to be announced on 3rd July. Hopefully we will win again.
- b. NPT CVS Fair was a good event with plenty of interest, culminating in the attendance of a new volunteer this morning.
- c. NPT Local Development Plan. VF attended, most of the discussion was on house building in the Rhos area, however, when the green corridor for the canal was mentioned, it was stated that we would be consulted prior to anything occurring in that corridor.
- d. Mural. A young lady, who is trying to set up in business, has offered to do a mural on the side of the canal store. This would consist of a barge/boat/canoe passing along the canal under a bridge, or another suitable picture. It was suggested that the boat used should be the Papa Thomas with JG providing a picture of said boat. After discussion it was agreed in principle, with further discussion to be had on the practicalities of the project and insurance.
- e. The Lost Peatland Project has asked if we could assist with Welsh speakers. It was suggested either Owain or Leanne.
- f. Craig Gladys are holding some workshops in the near future, we have been asked if we could promote these on our social media. This was agreed.
- g. A Wendy House has been offered to go next to the boat filled with plants at the canoe store once this has been completed. This would be positioned behind the railings on the old piece of tow path, once the slipway has been installed. This was agreed.

16. DONM.

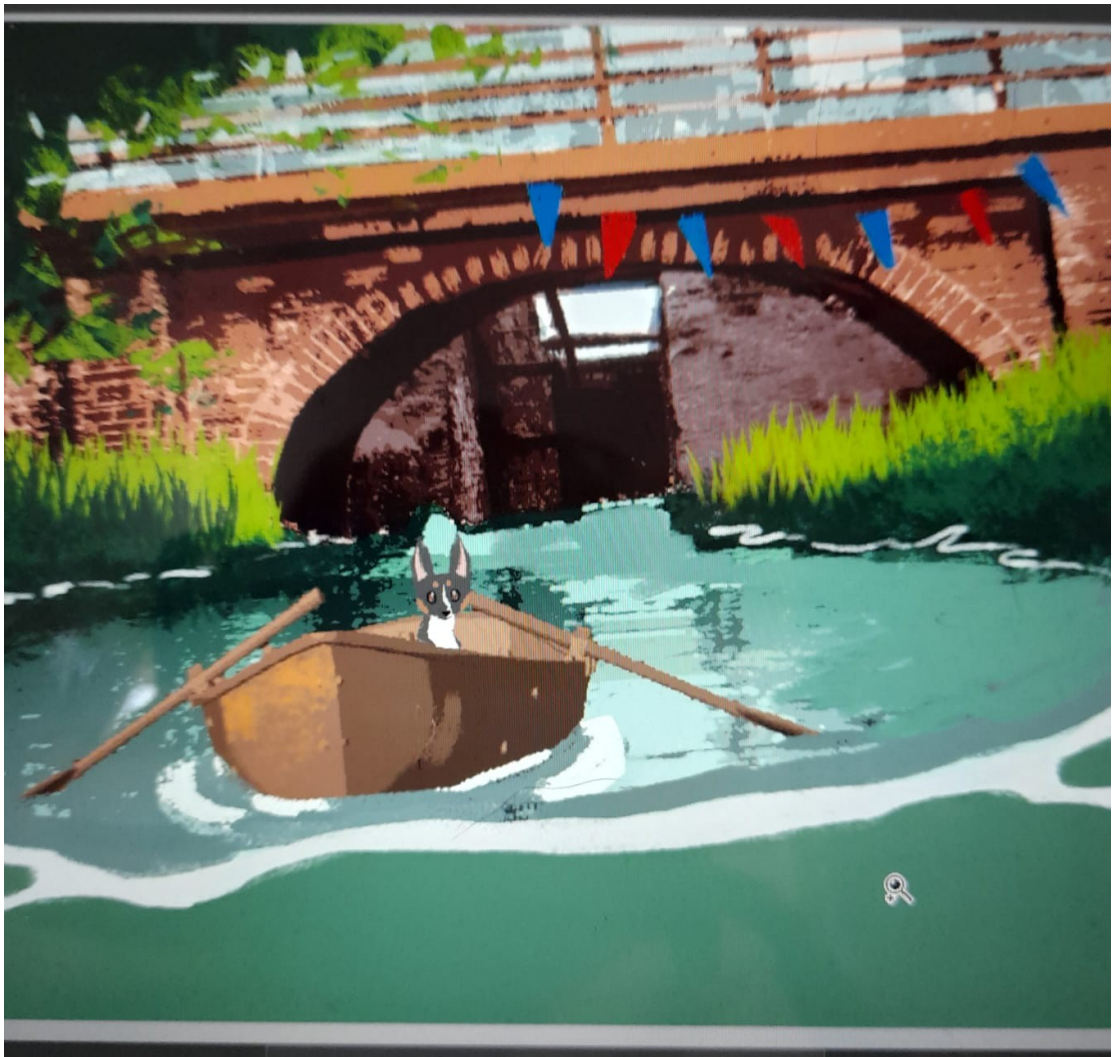
Tuesday 4th July 2023, 1900 at New Inn, Clydach.

Signed on Original

M FULLER
Secretary

DAY AND EVENING CANOE HIRE 2023

DATE	NAME/NUMBER/TIME	CONTACT NAME	KEY HOLDER	VOULNTEERS
3 rd May	1 st Neath Beavers two groups 4.30pm to 7pm	Lucy Wood lucywoods69@btinternet.com	Mike	Alan, Sharon, Chris, John, Ronnie
17 th May	1 st Neath Beavers two groups 4.30pm to 7pm	Lucy Wood lucywoods69@btinternet.com	Mike	Alan, Sharon, Chris, John, Ronnie
18 th May	Cwmamman Guides 5.30 – 8.30	Delyth Roberts delythroberts@live.co.uk	Mike	Christina, John, Gill, Ronnie
7 th June	Vardre Rugby Club Juniors 5.30 – 8.30	Leanne	Mike	Alan, Ronnie, John
14 th June	Vardre Rugby Club Juniors 5.30 – 8.30	Leanne	Mike	Alan, Sharon, Chris
19 th June	Brownies 5.30 – 8.00	Suzanne Bell Scb147@outlook.com	Mike	John, Ronnie
26 th June	Cilla School 21 pupils 10.00 1 st - 11.30 2 nd	Ray Squires 07970063426 Gwyn Heritage	Mike	John Gr., Ronnie, Alan T, Sharon
28 th June	Beavers	Gillian Lewis g_55lewis@hotmail.com	Mike	Sharon, John Gr, Gill, Alan T
2 nd July	Baglan Beavers 10 -11 am	Rachael Beavers.8thportalbotscoutgroup@gmail.com	Mike	Alan, John, Sunday team
7 th July	2 nd Swansea Scout 18.30 – 2130	John Foster	Mike	
10 July	Alltwen Brownies 6 – 8.30 pm	Rosslyn Sharp Firstalltwebrownies@gmail.com 07842034186	Mike	Alan, Sharon, Chris
11 th July	1 st Ynyscedwyn Cubs 5.30 – 8.30	Sharon Steadman Sharonsteadman03@aol.com 07966 718392	Mike	Alan, John, Ronnie
18 th July	Ammanford Ramblers 10.00 onwards	David Hancock Davidhancok947@gmail.com	Mike	Tuesday Volunteers
18 th July	2 nd Morryston Brownies 5.30 – 8.30	Nicola Morrystonbrownies2nd@outlook.com	Mike	Alan, John, Sharon, Gill



Suggested Mural with the Papa Thomas as the boat