

MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

9 January 2024

Present:

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

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| <p>1. Apologies: L Willicome, A Williams, Mrs S Ellis, C Morris, A Grenfell, JA Davies, T Morris,</p> <p>2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.</p> <p>3. Treasurers Report</p> <p>a. The money from the Gower Society for the book has been received.</p> <p>b. There are funds from the opening of the canal event and the 225 events that can be returned to the general fund to help in paying Daley Homes for the work they have completed.</p> <p>c. The way ahead for payment to Daley Homes is that Daley Homes will raise an invoice, which will be sent to Swansea Council and they will pay Daley Homes directly.</p> <p>d. The accounts titles need to be amended to read Grants Not Received and the £967,260 should be placed under that title, as this will then not appear in the total accounts.</p> <p>4. Education Officers Report</p> <p>a. Nothing to report</p> <p>5. Grants and Funding</p> <p>a. A committee of four people has been set up to manage the funds and grants that are obtained for the hidden lock site and Hebron Road. This will mean that not one person is dealing with all the funds.</p> <p>b. Anyone can apply for funding, but will need to talk with John Gwalter (Funding Officer) and the committee prior to sending the application to ensure that only one application is sent to the same funder. John Gwalter will manage the applications via a register.</p> <p>6. Canoe Hire</p> <p>a. Season to commence on Easter Sunday 31st March.</p> <p>b. Inventory of all equipment, cleaning and training for all personnel, to be completed prior to season start.</p> <p>c. Weils disease, a new notice has been received from the Canal and River Trust. This to be put on the table so all customers can read it and placed on social media.</p> <p>7. Clydach Lock.</p> <p>a. Work has started again, with the top being removed from the lock. Daley Homes hope to be down to the culvert next week.</p> <p>b. Daley Homes to monitor waste management.</p> <p>c. The Porta Cabin and shed will remain at the site for the foreseeable future but once Hebron Road is completed may move.</p> <p>8. Coed Gwilym Slipway.</p> <p>a. Funding has been applied for from the Canoe Foundation.</p> <p>b. The dead tree has had another branch fall from it, CRT have been informed, but have not as yet replied.</p> <p>9. Hebron Road.</p> <p>a. Going well, almost completed. The building needs tiling, electrical sockets and switches, lighting, painting, flooring, toilets and drainage still to be undertaken inside, and dashing to be done outside. The latest financial situation is to be discussed with Daley Homes to ensure completion.</p> <p>b. VALE has asked if their logo can be put up in the building. After discussion it was decided that a logo can be placed on the drop in the ceiling, as the inside walls of the building will be used for the exhibition panels.</p> <p>10. SC225</p> <p>a. Celebration complete for this year.</p> <p>b. Quotes should be obtained for the stained-glass windows.</p> <p>11. Work Parties.</p> <p>a. Tuesday work parties working well. Next week in Pontardawe.</p> <p>b. Sunday work parties to re-commence soon.</p> <p>12. WRG Camp</p> <p>The society has not applied for a camp for 2024</p> | |
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13. Web site and social media

a. Trying to sell the books electronically, without success. It has been suggested that a new PayPal account – sales@swansea canal society be set up, but this may mean the society has two PayPal accounts, however, changing the original account should also be investigated. The book will be on sale in Millers Public House, Cover to Cover and Pontardawe Heritage Centre. The Sum Up account should also be investigated to see if payment can be taken without a card being present.

14. AOB

a. Ecology. The society has had a request not to remove the weed from the canal, but to cut the weed leaving the roots instead. This due to the number of insects and fry that use the weed for cover. In response the society undertakes weed removal as directed by the Canal and River Trust, leaving the wet weed on the side of the canal so that any insects or fry and return to the canal.

b. Canoe Store Mural. The mural on the side of the canoe store has brightened the side closest to the park up. It was suggested that there may be funds from the 225-anniversary available to have a mural painted on the canal side of the store. This to be investigated and quote obtained from local companies.

c. The updated and new policies that are required by the Welsh Government third sector are to be sent electronically to all trustees.

d. The monthly volunteer hours need to be sent to CRT by a volunteer.

14. DONM.

Tuesday 6th February 2024, 1900 at New Inn, Clydach.

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M FULLER
Secretary