

MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

6 February 2024

Present:

G Walker Mrs V Fuller M Fuller
A Ellis J Gravelle A Tremlett

1. Apologies: L Willcome, A Williams, Mrs S Ellis, C Morris, A Grenfell, T Morris, S Blackford, M Davies, J Gwalter, D Howells
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.
3. Treasurers Report
 - a. The Coast grant (£2,400) for Pirates Day has been transferred from Restricted to Unrestricted (general) funds.
 - b. A number of invoices that were outstanding have now been paid by CRT
 - c. a number of books were sold during JanuarySummary of available unrestricted funds: - Net £27,627, less liabilities £18,000 leaving remaining funds £9,627.
4. Education Officers Report
 - a. Request has been received from Neath Beavers for two sessions on Water Safety. These to take place later this month.
5. Grants and Funding
 - a. First claim against the Hidden Lock Restoration fund (SPF £925K) has been submitted to Swansea Council.
 - b. Discussions are underway with a view to obtaining an extension for the WCVA Landfill Grant of £50K for the Hidden Lock site. This due to be used by end March 2024.
 - c. There is £42K of the SPF Grant for external work at Hebron Road, but a further £35K needs to be raised to complete the centre.
 - d. Canoe Wales application for Slipway did not close until end January therefore not expected to hear until later this month.
Post Meeting Note – unsuccessful in this application.
 - e. Coalfield Community Grant. Areas of our operation are ineligible, however could apply for either Access for all or the slipway in Coed Gwilym Park. After discussion it was decided to apply for the slipway, as the Access for all activities would require the slipway to enable them to work.
6. Canoe Hire
 - a. A number of requests have already been received for group hire this season. It was decided that we should accept them and proceed as last year asking for volunteers to man the sessions.
 - b. The Dynamic Rock request, for 62 year 6 pupils on 17th July, should be accepted if they can work from Coed Gwilym Park.
Post meeting Note – response sent to Dynamic Rock awaiting further information.
 - c. It was decided to open the season with a Bunnies in the Park event. An application will be sent to Events at Swansea Council to hold this event.
 - d. It was decided to keep prices the same as last year.
7. Clydach Lock.
 - a. Work has started again, with the top being removed from the lock. Daley Homes hope to be down to the culvert next week.
8. Coed Gwilym Slipway.
 - a. The dead tree is to be cut down soonest
9. Hebron Road.
 - a. Liberty Tiles are supplying the materials to do the tiling. A thank you letter is to be sent to them for their generous donation.
 - b. Martin Burnie (Howdens) are donating kitchen units. A thanks you letter is to be sent to them.
10. SC225
 - a. There are some legacy issues still outstanding, but otherwise the 225 celebrations are complete.
 - b. there are to be two further exhibitions, funded by CRT at local schools
 - c. The Bridge 8 repointing is planned for mid-March, with Riverside being asked to provide facilities.
11. Work Parties.
 - a. Tuesday work parties working well. Next week in Ynysmeudwy. Need to be at different locations as cannot work in the Hidden Lock Site while Daley Homes are carrying out work.

b. Little projects can be undertaken during work parties as there is plenty of work to be done.

12. Web site and social media

a. Trying to sell the books electronically, without success.

Post Meeting Note – this has now been sorted, and books can be purchased on-line from the society using Pay Pal.

13. AOB

a. Gordon visited John Hutchins' daughter about the obituary, and asked about the map of the canal. This has been loaned to the society, and an investigation is being made to see if it can be copied. Photographs of John Hutchins will be put on display.

b. an email has been received from Phillip Moss, to say thank you for the very touching words and photos of his father Bryan Moss. He has passed these around the family and to Facebook.

c. an email has been received asking if we would like to participate in research focusing on diversification in UK Waterways. The response from those present was No thank you

Post Meeting Note – response made

d. An email has been received asking if the society would like to be included in the World Company Register. The response from those present was No thank you.

Post Meeting Note – response made

e. EV Charger progress. It was decided by those present that the society should apply for the grant, with quotes being obtained from Daley Homes.

f. A request has been received to see if the society can have personnel join the meeting online as well as in person. This is to be investigated.

g. Charity Commission. Things have changed with the Charity Commission; in that you now need a specific log on pin. This has been requested but has not been received to date. The Charity Commission site has not therefore been amended to remove JA Davies and Mrs G Thomas from trustees. This will happen as soon as access to the Charity commission site is available.

h. Training. If anyone wishes to undertake training via NPT Council Third Sector, please give your email address to Mrs V Fuller who will send it on to NPT. The training is free. See list attached.

i. Cloudy Water. This has been reported on four separate occasions and will be reported again tomorrow. It is coming from a building site close to the Mond. This needs to be reported to 0800 807060.

j. An email has been received asking if the society would like to join Fund Britain's Waterways. The decision by those present was No thank you.

Post Meeting Note – response made

14. DONM.

Tuesday 5th March 2024, 1900 at New Inn, Clydach.

Signed on Original

M FULLER
Secretary

Training available

Asbestos Awareness (Short name: asbestos2019v1)

Emergency First Aid at Work (Short name: efaw-v2023)

First Aid at Work (Short name: FAW-v2023)

Food Safety Level 1 (Short name: foods12016v1)

Food Safety Level 2 (Short name: HFSL22019)

Food Safety Level 3 (Short name: foods32016v1)

Health and Safety Level 1 (Short name: hsl12016v1)

Health and Safety Level 2 (Short name: hsl2)

Health and Safety Level 3 (Short name: hsl32016v1)

Infection prevention and control (including COVID-19) (Short name: IPCCOVID19)

Introduction to Allergens (Short name: allergens2021v1)

Managing Conflict (Short name: manconf17v1)

Paediatric First Aid (Short name: PFA)

Principles of the Role of a Fire Marshal Level 2 (Short name: firesl22016v1)

Stress Management (Short name: StMa2018v1)

Working at Height (Short name: WAH-22)