

MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

5 November 2024

Present:

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

<p>Prior to meeting start a minutes silence was held in respect of the passing of Alan Williams</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apologies: L Willcome, Mrs S Ellis, M Davies, D Howells, L Goodenough, A Grenfell, 2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with no matters arising 3. Treasurers Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Unrestricted Funds have remained broadly at the level reported at the October meeting and currently stand at just under £24,300k. b. As previously reported, invoices likely in excess of £5,500, are expected within the next few months for the Society's insurance and accountancy fees. Also, solicitors' fees in the region of £1k will shortly be payable in respect of the land acquisition. These invoices have not yet been received but will significantly reduce the level of unrestricted funds. c. The fifth SPF grant claim (for quarter ended 30th Sept 2024) was submitted to Swansea Council on 9th October 2024 and payment was received within a few days allowing the Society to promptly pay the latest, contractors' invoice. d. The Creditor figure of £3,400 payable to Trysor relates to Interpretation Boards. This will be settled once the relevant funds are received from CRT. e. The Second and Final Co-op grant has been received in the sum of £2,463 (the first grant was received in March and was for £1,316.). These grants are specifically for the Canal Centre internal "fixtures and equipment" such as chairs, tables, fire safety items etc. f. The bill for EON has been received at £63.00 for October and the society has had a deposit of £62.00 from Lotto Abertawe. 4. Education Officer's Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. October was a quiet month, but did meet with the Headmaster of Clydach Primary School. He is keen on getting the pupils through on Water Safety and for walks along the canal. 5. Grants and Funding <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Co-op grant has been received with some of it already spent! b. There is a Blue Token event at Tesco Llansamlett, in aid of Swansea Canal Society. This ends in the New year and guarantees the society £500 c. The Coalfield grant application hasn't as yet gone off, but is for a maximum of £7K. The Society has letter of support to go with the application. d. Mrs Noleen Williams from Gellionen School mentions that there were a number of local businesses in Clydach that donate funds to good causes within the town. AT to ask for further details. Post meeting note – An Email has been received detailing various businesses in Clydach that may be able to assist. This to be discussed at the next meeting. e. The wind farm grant expression of interest has passed stage one, with the next stage due 31 March 2025. 6. Canoes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2024 paperwork is completed and folder ready for archiving b. Spooky was a great success with 65 people on the canal, and a total of £110 taken at £5 per boat. The craft stall did well too, taking a total of £89. The donation tin was also opened with a total of £77. 7. Clydach Lock <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Contractors have dug out the top end of the canal back to the lock. They have found the wing walls at the top of the lock and they seem to be in very good condition. b. Contractor is happy with the progress being made. c. The By-wash will be brought in to just beyond the wing walls at the lower end of the lock. 8. Hebron Road <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A costed plan totalling £83K plus VAT (£100K) has been put in to Swansea Council, however another two quotes for the work are to be obtained. This would be for a hard standing and a slipway at the back pf the Hebron Road site. b. The question has been raised about what the plans are for the opening of the building. There 	<p>SB</p> <p>JGw</p> <p>AT</p>
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