

MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

1 October 2024

Present:

M Fuller	J Gwalter	Mrs G Thomas	A Tremlett	S Blackford
Mrs V Fuller	C Morris	J Gravelle	A Ellis	

<p>1. Apologies: L Willicome, A Williams, Mrs S Ellis, M Davies, D Howells, L Goodenough, A Grenfell, T Morris</p> <p>2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with no matters arising</p> <p>3. Treasurers Report</p> <p>a. An historical adjustment has now been made to the accounts following the former treasurer's confirmation immediately prior to last meeting that c.£13k of our unrestricted funds should have been formally applied to monies required for the Hebron Road Canal Centre project in December 2023.</p> <p>b. In addition, payment of £500 has recently been made for acquisition of the land adjacent to the Hebron Road Swansea Canal Centre. This payment was not anticipated nor were the associated legal fees which will be payable in due course, but the cost can be met from existing funds.</p> <p>c. As a result, of (a) and (b) above, Unrestricted Funds have reduced significantly compared with the figure last reported and currently stand at £23k.</p> <p>d. Significant value 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 [(3) above] and other grant related legal transactions. These will further reduce Unrestricted Funds to c.£16.5k</p> <p>e. A fifth SPF grant claim (for quarter ended 30th Sept 2024) will shortly be submitted to Swansea Council. The exact figure of the invoice is yet to be confirmed but will be fully funded from the SPF and Landfill grants.</p> <p>f. The Secretary has received a pre renewal document for the insurance. This will be gone through and returned.</p> <p>g. The canoe hires this year made in excess of £7,000. Very well done all involved. The donations tin can be opened on completion of Spooky.</p> <p>h. Any expenditure of over £50.00 please check with the treasurer prior to spending.</p> <p>4. Education Officers Report</p> <p>a. 2 groups of Brownies have been given the water safety talk, plus a talk has been given to the Gower Society.</p> <p>b. The Friends of Havod have contacted with a view to visiting the centre and walking the canal</p> <p>c. Producing a leaflet on the canal in conjunction with Swansea Council.</p> <p>5. Grants and Funding</p> <p>a. funding Officer has spoken to Coalfield Grants people about a possible grant. The society needs £40K but the maximum according to the paperwork is £7K. To apply for this letter of support are required from the local community. The application is to be filled in and sent off.</p> <p style="color: red;">PMN Letter of support received from Friends of Coed Gwilym Park</p> <p>6. Canoe Hire</p> <p>a. Season totals: Adults 712, Children 670 making a total of 1,382</p> <p>b. Prices for next year were suggested and approved as: Single Kayak £6, Double Kayak and Canadian Canoe £12, Raft £20 for an hour session.</p> <p>c. A price has been obtained for building a lean too/shed at the back of the canoe store. It would cost £895 for materials. A question was raised as to whether we need planning permission to build the lean too/shed.</p> <p>7. Clydach Lock.</p> <p>a. Work has started above the lock and good progress is being made the contractor is on schedule as there are a lot less issues to be ironed out.</p> <p>b. No decisions have been made as to what to do with the shed and offices in the green fenced area.</p> <p>8. Hebron Road.</p> <p>a. Minor work still needs to be carried out, Hand Dryers, toilet roll holders etc.</p> <p>b. Formal opening on 25th October, 1MP, 6MS's 1 Councillor all accepted the invitation to attend.</p> <p>c. Looking at an Open Day on 2nd November for all family and friends as not everyone can be invited to the formal opening.</p> <p>d. For Rates purposes the formal take over and occupation of the building will be 1 November 2024</p> <p>9. Work Parties.</p>	<p>MF</p> <p>SB</p> <p>JGw</p> <p>MF</p> <p>GW</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>SB</p> <p>JGr</p>
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<p>a. Tuesday work parties working well. Next week at CGP. b. Sunday work parties will re-commence in a couple of weeks time as there is plenty to do.</p> <p>10. Web site and social media a. A revamp of some of the pictures on the web site is required as some are very old. b. Spooky and the Tesco Blue Token scheme need to be republished on socials c. Green Flag are asking for nominations for Volunteer of the year, It was suggested Rowan. PMN Unfortunately the nomination was past the acceptance date.</p>	<p>AT</p>
<p>11. AOB a. QAVS. The society has had an email from NPTCVS about doing a video about the QAVS (KAVS) process for other voluntary groups in NPT. AE has agreed to look into this b. The subject of Promotional merchandise was raised. These need to be items of pocket money prices, such as pens, pencils and erasers, with Swansea Canal written on them. VF will investigate with a budget of £200 c. It has been reported that there is a person camping at Trebanos lower lock. AE to investigate and contact CRT if still there. PMN No camper found on Wednesday 2nd October, although evidence that someone had been camping was seen. d. A draft Trustees Small Report has been produced that once the accounts have been added to will be distributed to all trustees. This is for the next AGM that is suggested for 7 January 2025 with the normal meeting following the AGM. e. The February meeting will be Trustees only to discuss the continued strategy and way ahead. A question has been raised as to when Hebron Road would be open, who would be manning it and would it be open to groups for hire. These questions ae to be discussed at a later date.</p>	<p>AE</p> <p>VF</p> <p>AE</p> <p>MF</p>
<p>12. DONM. Tuesday 5th November 2024, 1900 at Hebron Road, Swansea Canal Centre.</p>	

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M FULLER
Secretary