

MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

14 January 2025

Present:

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

1. Apologies: L Willicome, Mrs S Ellis, T Morris, Mrs V Fuller
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted, with Mrs J Williams accepting Life Membership.
3. Treasurers Report
 - a. Whilst the volume of financial transactions has been relatively low over the Christmas period there have been a number of significant items as outlined below.
 - b. Since the last report the annual insurance premium and accountants' fees have been paid, totalling just over £3k. These were anticipated but have of course reduced the level of Unrestricted Funds to a still-healthy £22.8k.
We have yet to be invoiced by the Society's solicitors for the various elements of legal work undertaken; this is likely to be in the region of £1k.
Furthermore, it is possible that our accountants may need to carry out some additional "one off" work (arising from the high value of the SPF grant) which would incur further costs, but that remains to be seen at the moment.
 - c. Also since the last report, the remaining balance payable to the contractors for completion of the Swansea Canal Centre in the sum of just over £28k has now been paid. It is pleasing to report that this means there are no further payments due in respect of the centre renovation / reconstruction.
 - d. It is worth noting that the electricity charges for the Canal Centre have been significantly higher at this time of year, as shown below, although the costs have been mitigated by funds raised through events, room hire and Lotto Abertawe:
Month Invoice
August £41
September £26
October £63
November £177
December £173
 - e. The SPF grant claim for Quarter Ended 31st December 2024 in respect of the latest invoice for the on-going works at Clydach Lock site, has been submitted to Swansea Council. Payment is anticipated by around the end of January.
4. Education Officer's Report
 - a. The society has been asked to take on another young person from Dylan Thomas School, by Careers Wales. The society has also been sent a document from Griffiths and Armour which is a Young Persons Risk Directory. After discussion it was decided to adopt this document, as written, for all young persons that are involved with the Society.
5. Grants and Funding
 - a. John Gwalter stated that he feels he is not doing a very good job as Funding Officer, and wishes to stand down from the role. He will continue to try and raise funds for the slipway in Coed Gwilym Park. Other people within the society have expressed an interest and will be spoken to about the vacant position. Thank you to John for all the work done trying to raise funds for the Society.
 - b. The Tesco scheme has now ended and the Society should hear soon about how much money will be donated by Tesco's
 - c. Phase 2 of the Windfarm Application needs to be completed by 30 March 2025. It was suggested, as it would be for a large amount of money, for the Mond Lock Gates, that it should be done in conjunction with CRT.
6. Canoes
 - a. No further action
7. Clydach Lock
 - a. The Lock is being repointed, with the contractor happy with progress. The Lock Gates have been ordered
8. Swansea canal Centre

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| <p>a. Work has commenced on the boat basin at the back of the building</p> <p>b. Work has started on an entrance/exit, point but cannot go to the roadside as yet as the contractor does not have the requisite licence for a drop kerb.</p> <p>c. There are a number of bookings for the building, with the foot clinic booking monthly for the next year, and the Art Class having had 4 bookings so far. The next confirmed booking is 17th February.</p> <p>d. Security System. A domestic wireless system, with internal siren, would cost around £150. Can get a dummy box, and system that runs on a Sim Card (about £7 Monthly) for approximately £200.</p> <p>9 Work Parties.</p> <p>a. Good today, the tree in Pontardawe has been removed.</p> <p>b. Working in Pontardawe next week</p> <p>c. Sunday work parties to re-commence in January</p> <p>d. Mrs Gill Thomas has asked to step down from collating the working hours. The Society thanks Gill for the work she has done over the years. Sharon Blackford will collate the work party hours in the future.</p> <p>10. Social Media and Website</p> <p>a. For the Quiz Nite in December, Eventbrite took a 23% commission for tickets. If we do it again it was suggested that we issue tickets ourselves to save money.</p> <p>11. WRG camp</p> <p>a. An e mail has been received asking for further information on the job that the Society would like WRG to undertake. Once collated this will be sent back to WRG.</p> <p>12. AOB</p> <p>a. The Twrch aqueduct has been refurbished</p> <p>b. The owners of the stables in Trebanos have been complaining about the fallen trees. They have been given CRTs help line numbers.</p> <p>13. Date of Next meeting
Tuesday 4th February 2025 at Hebron Road, Trustees only as a Strategy Meeting.</p> | |
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M FULLER
Secretary