

# MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

## 3 June 2025

**Present:**

G Walker            M Fuller            A Tremlett            A Ellis            J Gravelle  
L Goodenough

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Apologies: L Willicome, Mrs S Ellis, M Davis, J Gwalter, D Howells, T Morris</li><li>2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.</li><li>3. Treasurers Report<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The accounts do not yet include the new SPF grant in the sum of £216k for the Mond Lock restoration. This is because we have not yet formally signed for the grant, in part due to the on-going, and very slow negotiations with the Canal &amp; River Trust over the works involved.</li><li>b. The Unrestricted Funds figure has remained at a relatively low level and is currently just under £12k, but we are awaiting some invoices which will come to c£1k.</li><li>c. Once the remaining £10k Landfill grant is received (claim is pending) the Society's available funds will return to a more comfortable level but in the meantime, it remains necessary to minimise uncalled-for / non-urgent expenditure.</li><li>d. The question of a having a financial "Reserve" i.e. a sum held aside and ringfenced in order to meet any unexpected costs, has been touched upon recently. Now that the Society has its own premises this has become more important due to potential for repairs, unexpected works, insurance excesses &amp; deductions, etc. Funds in the Reserve could still be drawn upon for other purposes on a temporary basis should an urgent need arise elsewhere, but then "repaid".<br/>The Reserve could<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. be shown formally as a separate and restricted sum in the accounts</li></ol>OR<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. could be an informal arrangement whereby Trustees agree that the unrestricted funds should not go below a given figure. This was approved at £8K.</li></ol></li></ol></li><li>4. Education Officer's Report<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Gave a talk " The Swansea Canal, past, present and future " to the Clydach Historical Society in the library on Monday 12th May. 30 people attended and I sold 1 book.</li><li>b. Heard from Elen Evans from North Wales Wildlife Trust and invited her to come to the Summer Fun Day.</li></ol></li><li>5. Grants and Funding<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. In accordance with the update attached.</li><li>b. The fundraising Team asked for a list of priorities.</li><li>c. Dredging of the canal is No 1 Priority for the boat hire</li><li>.</li></ol></li><li>6. Clydach Lock<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Progress – still lots to do as there has been no further progress</li></ol></li><li>7. Mond Lock Project<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Project created with CRT, with Alan Wise as Project Manager.</li><li>b. Reinstallation of lock gates needs to be discussed with Morgan Cowles the Heritage officer</li><li>c. A site survey and survey of all locks on the canal is required.</li><li>d. Team meeting via teams on a weekly basis</li></ol></li><li>8. Social Media and Website<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The Policies have been passed to Leanne Walker for checking; some have been returned others are awaited.</li></ol></li><li>9. WRG Camp<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. A site visit has been arranged of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.</li><li>b. WRG Camp will take place between 31 August and 6 September</li></ol></li><li>10. AOB<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Canoes – Doing well this year. A further list of group hire will be sent out this week. Application has been made for the Coast funding for the hire of canoes and kayaks on Pirates Day, and the supply of a boxed meal for those families that participate.</li><li>b. Veterans Hub. There is a possibility that a Veteran's Hub may wish to use the building at</li></ol></li></ol> |  |
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Hebron Road.

- c. A summer craft fayre is planned for 19<sup>th</sup> July, 10 AM to 3 PM in the canal centre
- d. One of the volunteers – Pam – has sadly passed away – funeral details when known

11. Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 at Hebron Road.

*Signed on Original*

M FULLER  
Secretary