

MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

2 September 2025

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| G Walker | M Fuller | A Tremlett | J Gravelle | A Ellis |
| J Gwalter | S Blackford | M Hobbs | | |

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| <p>1. Apologies: L Willicome, Mrs S Ellis, M Davis, P Rapsey, T Morris, L Goodenough</p> <p>2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.</p> <p>3. Treasurers Report</p> <p>a. The updated Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure reports showing the Society's financial position as at end August 2025, have been circulated along with this report. There are still some minor balances showing; it is the intention for these to be cleared down in due course in order to remove unnecessary items from cluttering up the accounts. Fortunately, the income from Canoe Hire this season has continued to be much higher than previous years although this will now start to drop off.</p> <p>b. As was agreed at the June meeting, a sum of £8k has now been informally set aside as a Financial Reserve to meet any unforeseen future eventualities - as shown on the Balance Sheet.</p> <p>c. The net result of (a) and (b) above, is that the Unrestricted Funds figure currently stands at a fraction under £19,300, with the Reserve of £8k available if any urgent or unforeseen need arises.</p> <p>d. There are however some notable costs to be met over the next few months, including: The cost of the WRG camp currently underway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">0 Insurance premium – estimated £3.5k (December)1 Accountancy fees – estimated £500 (December)2 Any unforeseen, non-grant funded costs associated with the Mond Lock project. <p>e. Swansea Council has still not confirmed the outcome of the application for rate relief on the rates bill for Canal Centre, Hebron Road but have advised that a decision will be notified very shortly. All being well, the entire bill will be waived in accordance with the Council's established policy.</p> <p>4. Education Officers Report</p> <p>a. August was a quiet month as schools are on holiday, so only one event to report. Attended Brecon Frazz and manned a stall in the grounds of the cathedral for children to make duck headpieces, later my assistant Chris and I took part in the parade through Brecon.</p> <p>5. Grants and Funding</p> <p>a. The Grant -Scape (Statkraft greener space) documentation has been forwarded in order to secure the £3700 grant awarded for the Community Garden (land adjacent to the Canal Centre).</p> <p>b. Unfortunately, the application forwarded to Dwr Cymru (Welsh Water) for 5k to complete the canal wall for the above was unsuccessful on this occasion.</p> <p>c. Have forwarded an application for a tree pack from the woodland trust for the site.</p> <p>d. Have not heard back from any of the other fund applications submitted.</p> <p>6. Clydach Lock and Trip Boat</p> <p>a. Lock Gates are in, but the wood for sills etc has yet to be purchased.</p> <p>b. The bridge over the lock is completed.</p> <p>c. WRG in at present working on the bywash</p> <p>d. Top of lock to be created from sleepers with a moulded concrete path next to them.</p> <p>e. Lock should be operational by October, with a planned opening event in the spring.</p> <p>f. Trip Boat. CRT Licencing information in a 100 page booklet.</p> <p>g. A Comprehensive set of operating instructions will be produced.</p> <p>7. Mond Lock</p> <p>a. Slow progress - awaiting information from CRT on various items.</p> <p>b. Tow path closure in hand for when the work starts</p> <p>c. It was suggested that we draft a letter for our MP to send to CRT. This to be drafted</p> <p>8. Web Site</p> <p>a. Nothing to report</p> <p>9. WRG Camp</p> <p>a. The team arrived Saturday</p> | |
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| <p>b. The weather has been atrocious, with much more water flowing in the bywash than anticipated.</p> <p>c. Team making reasonable progress.</p> <p>10. AOB</p> <p>a. Canoes - 9th September Morrision Brownies.</p> <p>b. Books for Trade. The society can provide books for trade at 30% discount for a box of 7 books.</p> <p>c. Recycling - Been offered the smelting of aluminium cans at £17 per kilo, and plastic turned into synthetic diesel with one Kilo of plastic being one litre of diesel. The decision was to say thank you but no thank you.</p> <p>d. SPF Celebration the team have been asked for activities on the canal, to take place on 9th September.</p> <p>e. Christmas fair will take place in Hebron Road on 22nd November</p> <p>f. WIFI is around £20 per month - IT Supremo to investigate.</p> <p>g. A Christmas quiz is to be arranged.</p> <p>h. The societies Christmas Dinner will take place at the Old Glais Inn on 4th December 2025.</p> <p>i. Next week's work party is at CGPs</p> <p>11. Date of Next meeting 1900 on Tuesday 14th October 2025 at Hebron Road.</p> | |
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M FULLER
Secretary