

**MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**14 January 2025**

**Present:**

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

The chairman welcomed Mr R Williams (son of the late Alun Williams) and his wife to the meeting.

Mr Williams expressed his thanks for all the hard work that the society does on the canal, making it a peaceful area and sanctuary for those who need it. He stated that his father enjoyed the life outdoors, camping, bird watching and making bird boxes. He didn't get to do much while working as a pharmacist, but once retired enjoyed every minute of it, especially working with the Canal Society.

Thank you from the family and personally for making his retirement so good.

The family would like to donate a cheque for £915, to go with the money already donated by the funeral director, making a total of £1000. Thank you.

1. Apologies: L Willicome, G Thomas, Mrs S Ellis, T Morris, Mrs V Fuller

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

3. Chairman's Report;

The Chairman stated that it had been another successful year, with the work on the buried lock site about three quarters finished, and the opening of the Swansea Canal Centre. He thanked the following: 225 Committee, the Canoe team, The Education Officer for the hard work done in providing talks to various schools and groups. Thank you.

4. Treasurers Report

a. During the year ended April 2024 John Gwalter stood down as Treasurer after many years of dedicated and diligent service to the Society. Thanks go to John for his on-going assistance during the transition period.

b. The accounting information for year ended April 2024 was submitted to our accountants in the usual manner. The Statement confirms in the Independent Examiner's Report that there were no matters which indicated the Society's accounting requirements under the Charity's Act, had not been met i.e. the accounts were "in order".

c. There was considerable financial activity in the year 2023/24 primarily due to the 225 celebrations which involved a significant increase in the range and level of financial transactions. However, thanks to all concerned, the Society's operating finances ended in a very good position with unrestricted funds at year end significantly improved.

d. The most significant financial item in 2023/24 was the award in November 2023 of a major Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) grant in the sum of just over £967k. This was awarded to the Society to fund the Phase 2 Clydach Lock project, with an element included to help complete external works at the new Swansea Canal Centre, at Hebron Road.

e. A Landfill Disposal Grant in the sum of £50k was also secured via WCVA, and has provided match funding to the SPF grant. A further major grant was also kindly donated by Vale' which has assisted in funding the Canal Centre]

5. Election of Trustees/Appointees.

Gordon Walker to be re-elected as a Trustee and as Chairman

John Gwalter to be re-elected as a Trustee

Officials to be re-elected – Proposed by Sharon Blackford, seconded by Andy Ellis – Carried unanimously.  6. A.O.B. a. None  7. Date of next meeting – to be issued	
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M FULLER

Secretary