

MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

2 December 2025

Present:

M Fuller	A Tremlett	J Gravelle	A Ellis
J Gwalter	S Blackford	M Hobbs	L Goodenough

1. Apologies: L Willicome, Mrs S Ellis, M Davis, P Rapsey, T Morris, G Walker
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.
3. Treasurers Report
 - a. Various items of note within the accounts are shown below:
 - a. i. The Unrestricted Funds figure stands at £19.8k which does not include the £8k Financial Reserve for any urgent or unforeseen need which may arise.
 - b. ii. The first claim in respect of the Mond Lock grant, in the sum of £21k which was submitted on 10th October, was received in mid-November and the related invoices payable to Daley Homes and Canal & River Trust (for project fees) have been paid. A further interim grant claim has recently been submitted in the sum of £81k.
 - a. iii. The Society is temporarily bearing the cost of the community garden works until such time as the grant is claimed at project end
 - b. The Final Accounts for 2024/25 have been formally signed off. The invoice for the accountancy fees has been received and paid – the amount having increased to £510
 - c. The 2026 insurance renewal proposal has recently been received with the premium only slightly higher than last year, at £2,879 (£2,698 last year) – subject to any amendments / additional areas of cover required by the Society. The premium is due by 31st December.
 - d. The income from the very successful Christmas Craft Fayre held on 22nd November, was £453.60
 - e. Minor balances remaining and available from past “restricted” grants include:
 - a. TESCO grant for Canal Centre “fitting out”: £161
 - b. VALE’ canoe equipment grant: £128
 - c. WILDLIFE GRANT: £569
 - f. Financial Procedure Rules were adopted
 - g. Chainsaw courses (for insurance purposes) have been booked for the first week in February 2026.
4. Education Officers Report
 - a. Five days have been spent in Brecon on school visits
5. Grants and Funding
 - a. Application has been sent off for benches for Hebron Road
 - b. Funding Priorities:
 - i. Canoe store
 - ii, Training Courses
 - iii, Dredging
 - iv. Wall at Hebron Road
6. Clydach Lock
 - a. With the exception of the sleepers being placed around the top of the lock, nothing further has happened.
 - b. The society needs to discuss what is to happen with the office building (PortaCabin) at the site.
7. Mond Lock
 - a. Contractor has completed silt removal.
 - b. Archaeological survey has been completed
 - c. Next step is to measure for the new lock gates, however planning permission is required prior to them being installed. Richard Dommitt, and Richard Smith will be attending to discuss the lower gate infrastructure and drawings, It is anticipated the gates will be installed in the spring.
8. Web Site
 - a. The society has applied for the Green Flag A ward for 2026
 - b. The Waterways World Almanac needs to be updated
 - c. The QR Code on the new information board needs to be populated with information and pictures of the work prior and completed and information on the Stone Barge.

10. AOB

a. Health and Safety - Hebron Road needs an accident book, Risk Assessments and policies. The Extinguishers need to be checked and a Fire Log filled in. Moira volunteered to organise this.

b.225 Documentation is to be retained. Currently with Andy. Space to be found in Hebron Road for all archives.

c. Users of the building, Foot Clinic, Welsh Classes etc have put in bids for next year. The Welsh lessons have asked for an additional evening up until 6pm on a Tuesday. Crochet classes are also ongoing into next year.

d. AGM set for 6 January with monthly meeting on completion. Letters to go out to all members.

11. Date of Next meeting

1900 on Tuesday 6 January 2026 at Hebron Road on completion of the AGM.

Signed on Original

M FULLER
Secretary

Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year to all my readers