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Annual General Meeting - 2015

Held on Monday 2nd November 2015
At Cross Keys Rugby Club

MINUTES

Attendance

Terry Evans (Chair); Sue Evans; David Parry; Rob Southall; Jack Hanbury; Howard Vicary; Les Murphy; Richard Smith; Adrian Booth; Alun Booth; Julie Bram; Martyn Vaughan; Nicola Shelswell.

APOLOGIES

Norman Liversuch; Andrew George; Sam Southall; Maggie Thomas.

1 CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

1.1 The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming members.

2. MINUTES of the AGM held on 3rd November 2014

Matters Arising – none

The minutes of the meeting were agreed. Prop DP, Sec RS

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

4.1 The Chairman's report summarised the Society's actions and achievements over the previous 12 months, full report attached.

Mr Les Murphy added to the Chairman's notes that the Commoners had received £15,000 funding from The Forgotten Landscapes project and £5,000 from Cadw, for bracken control, and purchase of boulders as Target Hardening measures.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Most points are covered in the Chair's report.

Additionally we are waiting for a response to the letters sent out to councillors and AM's regarding the difficulties encountered disposing of the bags after our volunteer days.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary presented the Financial statement, cash in bank, £6,423.01, for details see attached.

6. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have signed up several new members recently, but the total membership is only 42, with many more just as Facebook 'friends'. We need to address this situation in 2016 and decide what could be done to increase the membership.

7. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The following Trustees were elected:-

Terry Evans
Sue Evans
Rob Southall
Dave Parry

Maggie Thomas
Alun Booth
Howard Vicary
Les Murphy
Sam Southall
Martyn Vaughan

Trustee Andrew George does not wish to stand for re-election, but he will continue his support as a member. The meeting offered their thanks and appreciation for his past work for the society.

8. A.O.B.

ARCHAEOLOGY

RS updated us on the recent contact with the Ancient Cwmbran Society and the Blaen Bran Woodland where they were interested in excavating a lost farmhouse site in Blaen Bran.

This may be of interest to our members, but is away from our usual area of operation. Jack Hanbury commented that they are not allowed to excavate on the Common. RS will continue to research archaeology opportunities for us.

POLICING

The meeting discussed the situation whereby PC Simon James is now covering such a large area, we cannot call on his personal intervention so often. It was suggested that we pursue funding to set up a Ranger scheme to patrol the area ourselves, and not rely on police or council employees. It has already been mentioned that the Society could have some projects 'in waiting' for councils to support if they were found to have a 'spare' bit of money at the end of the year, so we should write to Phil Griffiths, Andrew Osborne etc.

LM said it may be worth going to fund CPSO Lyn Neagle

9. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair thanked members for attending. He emphasised that the work of the Society was far from complete, and he encouraged our newly elected Trustees to take us into the New Year with the expectation of several new projects for us to embrace.

Date of next Trustees' Meeting
Monday 7th December 2015