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Trustees and Members Meeting

Monday 9 May 2016
Cross Keys Rugby Club

MINUTES

Attendance

Terry Evans (Chair); Sue Evans; David Parry; Rob Southall; Norman Liversuch;
Howard Vicary; Alan Booth; Les Murphy; Sam Southall; Bill Fearnley-Whittenstall; Gethin Bowes

1 APOLOGIES

Maggie Thomas; Martyn Vaughan

2. MINUTES of Trustees' Meeting held on 4th April 2016

The minutes of the meeting were agreed

3/4. CCBC/TORFAEN WORKS and TIDY TWMP

Report from Gethin Bowes of CCBC

All the items on the list are completed, or well on schedule, so his projects for this year are done.

He is now pricing up the next round of works, which may include Signage, Bracken Spraying, more Stones, Gorse removal, and additional drystone walling at other access points.

Jack Tennison has asked the Commoners to consider a 'Permissive Cycle Track' across from the Mountain Air to the mast at the top due to Torfaen CC putting in a bid for an 'Adventure Triangle' scheme in association with CCBC. Currently there is a gap of £250,000 in match funding.

The meeting considered whether this would set a precedent for changing access, which may encourage Horse riders as well.

Fly tipped waste – TE & RS have continued emailing Police etc., HV asked if a camera was possible, TE replied that Fly Tipping Wales would install one if it was on the top 10 worst site list, which is unlikely, however annoying our problem is.

Gethin mentioned a Community Safety Warden, but the remoteness of the site is against this. HV wondered whether a 'Go-Pro' camera, or similar technology could be the answer.

LM reminded us to photograph if possible, and report all off-road incursions and fly-tipping to 101 personally, as the person must report first hand.

The meeting expressed thanks to Mr Bob Tunley for removing the burnt-out car shells from the ridge.

Future volunteer events and what tasks need to be done.

Work to do - Many of the jobs on our 'work to do' list are covered and expanded by the new works in the CCBC/Torfaen scheme above, but we have scheduled to install steps from the car park, and as the weather improves we will be organising volunteering dates for infilling gaps in the existing fencing, and making an early start on 'Bracken Bashing'

Next scheduled volunteer day is 29th May 2016

5. EVENTS

Queens 90th birthday Beacon Event 21st April

CTS and Risca Community council joint event, despite cold and windy weather, all dignitaries and CTS members survived, and had their photos taken with the flame. Thanks to Gethin's team who provided the transport of the equipment and dignitaries. CTS have been reimbursed for expenses by the RTC, and they may give a donation to funds also.

Les Murphy agreed to hold his talk on Monday 16th May on Commons Law, Terry will assist with the visual presentation.

Further to the Tidy Tump work, Ken Young, the Stonemason, has been asked as part of his contract, to do a display of dry stone walling. We hope to be able to expand this to a CTS event..

There was an idea to re-use the Beacon for 'A Big Picnic', either on Midsummer's day, or the Solstice, this needs a bit more thought as an event, so will be looked at for next year.

TE asked for suggestions for walks and talks, and can all Trustees note these events and help promote them and offer to help out in some way on the day.

6. POLICING ISSUES

Ongoing

7. CAMPAIGN TO SAVE CWMCARN FOREST DRIVE

'Stakeholders' meeting on 19th April

Rob Southall and Terry Evans attended, representing The Friends and CTS respectively.

There was a Minibus tour of the site and road, to show the NRW works progression. TE said that he believed the biggest issue was safety, the loss of the trees created superb views from the top, but the drop off from the edge of the road was dangerous, and would need fencing or other works. There was talk of 'ongoing collaborations', and working with councils and the private sector, but RS and TE felt the meeting had a negative atmosphere, funding is at a premium, and it will be difficult to re-instate the drive in any form.

RS will discuss at his next Friends meeting.

RS says 'The Friends of Cwmcarn' is thinking of becoming a small charity,

8. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCE

Nothing to report

9. A.O.B.

None

Next Trustees meeting Monday 6th June

Next Volunteer Day Sunday 29 May