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Trustees and Members Meeting

Monday 4 July 2016
Cross Keys Rugby Club

MINUTES

Attendance

Terry Evans (Chair); Sue Evans; Norman Liversuch; Alan Booth; Sam Southall; Maggie Thomas;
Les Murphy

1 APOLOGIES

Martyn Vaughan, David Parry; Rob Southall; Howard Vicary;

2. MINUTES of Trustees' Meeting held on 9 May 2016

The minutes of the meeting were agreed

Matters arising – Fly-tipping, the increasing problem, to be discussed in 'Tidy Tump'

The Queen's Birthday Beacon, we have received a donation of £100 from Risca Town Council

Ken Young, the stonemason, has completed his walling contract, but in such a short time that we have not been able to arrange his contracted 'Dry-walling skills day'

It was agreed that there was not enough time to plan a Midsummer beacon event this year, but maybe for next year.

3 CCBC/TORFAEN WORKS

Les Murphy reported that most projects are completed, or on schedule for completion.

Terry Evans reported that the new gate was open, it won't close properly due to vandalism, and as it is hung poorly by the contractors, it swings outwardly if not completely locked.

Norman Liversuch offered to contact Gethin to let him know, and ask him to arrange with the contractors for it to be repaired.

Terry Evans also reported a damaged stile on the NE corner, NRW had agreed to mend it, but it appears to have been temporarily repaired, possibly by Mr Tunley to stop his cattle escaping.

4. TACP Document

Les Murphy introduced the meeting to the details of a report on Upland Commons, 'The Upland Commons of South East Wales Natural Resources Management Plan'

TACP, the company that wrote the report, agreed with the Commoners proposals for Pond restoration, grassland management, linking areas of grasslands etc. The Common has been designated 'Upland Heath'

There is overall in Wales, a budget of £15 million for projects, such as bracken spraying, eradicating feral conifers, access hardening, etc. Les Murphy believes it is another good opportunity to identify areas for us to apply for funding singly, or jointly with the Commoners.

We will obtain further copies and consider the report fully.

5. TIDY TWMP

Litterpick and workdays

TE completed path repairs and installed several new fence posts, RS continued his Bracken cutting, using it to infill the erosion. This is already showing signs of improvement, with grass and other plants taking hold.

The new trees planted this year as replacements seem to be thriving, all in leaf. The hedge has made very good growth in the short time it has been there, which is encouraging.

Fly tipping - TE is still following the policy of photographing and reporting Fly tipping, see 'Policing'

Future workday tasks that need to be done – The steps are still outstanding, HV has to mow bracken and we will ask him to roll it in bales, which can be put in the top paths for erosion repair. LM will ask him, and for a quote of the costs involved

Next scheduled volunteer day is 31st July 2016

7. Objectives and Priorities

Trig Point Adoption Scheme

TE circulated a design for a path around the Trig point, which had oak surrounds, infilled with stone, similar to the 'floating paths', but with compass directions carved in them. It is likely to come into the 'Interpretation' category for funding. We will have to obtain permission from Cadw, as it falls in the area of the SAM.

8. EVENTS

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.

9. POLICING ISSUES

Fly tipping - TE is still following the policy of photographing and reporting Fly tipping.

11 July at 11am, TE & RS have a meeting with Rhian Passmore, and Inspector Jason White, to visit the site of the Fly-tipping.

10. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCE

Nothing to report

9. A.O.B.

None

Next Trustees meeting Monday 1st August

Next Volunteer Day Sunday 31 July