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Trustees and Members Meeting

Monday 5 September 2016 Cross Keys Rugby Club

MINUTES

Attendance

Terry Evans (Chair); Sue Evans; Norman Liversuch; Alan Booth; Rob Southall;

1 APOLOGIES

Martyn Vaughan, David Parry; Howard Vicary; Sam Southall; Maggie Thomas; Les Murphy

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

The minutes of the meeting were agreed
Matters arising – all to be discussed in main agenda

3 CCBC/TORFAEN WORKS

Terry Evans reported that the new gate was still causing problems, it won't close properly due to vandalism, and as it is hung poorly by the contractors, it swings outwardly. It has since been locked, which has invited more damage. Norman Liversuch had already contacted Gethin who had arranged with the contractors for it to be repaired, and will follow up to see when it is due.

Terry Evans has had an email from Jack Tennison offering to pay for a new gate.

4. TAPC Document update

Les Murphy was unable to attend. A report will be available for the next meeting.

5. TIDY TWMP

Litterpick and volunteer day on 31st July, 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.

Fly tipping - TE is still following the policy of photographing and reporting Fly tipping, see 'Policing' He noted that on volunteer days we spend all our time Litterpicking, at the expense of completing the other jobs on our list. It may be that we discontinue litterpicking for a while, to highlight the the problem to the visitors to the area, who may be encouraged to a/ complain to the Council, or b/take their litter home.

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. SE suggested adding some of the 'Brash' from the felling operations to the eroded paths, which traps silt and debris when it rains, stopping it washing away down the hill.

RS had a query about the gates bordering NRW and Commons land, a new gate has been installed at Ewrys near Carpark 2/3 and he is concerned it may allow access for motor bikes. He intends to contact NRW for clarification.

Meeting Re: Flytipping - see 'Policing'

Also, Friday 30th September, Rhianon Passmore AM

has invited Terry, Rob, and various interested parties to a meeting at Cwmcarn Centre to discuss ongoing problems with flytipping and waste disposal issues.

Next scheduled volunteer day is 25th September 2016

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7. Objectives and Priorities

Trig Point Adoption Scheme

We need to get approval for the scheme from Cadw, Llanover have already given approval

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

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11 July at 11am, Meeting Re: Flytipping

Further to Insp Jason White's suggestion, Terry and Rob had a meeting at Newport Wastesavers, discussing CCTV cameras, and their suitability or otherwise for our site. There is nowhere to effectively place them on the common, but Terry believes they may be more effective in the lanemaybe a numberplate recognition system as available in campsites and aslo of course, to the Police.

They couldn't help much, but proved very interesting

10. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCE

Terry reported that the Insurance is due for renewal, and that he will arrange it next week.

9. A.O.B.

Alun thanked the Society for reimbursing him for the cost of the new tyre, which was damaged in the lane on our last volunteering day.

Next Trustees meeting Monday 3 October Next Volunteer Day Sunday 25th September