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Trustees and Members Meeting

Monday 5th December 2016
Cross Keys Rugby Club

MINUTES

Attendance

Terry Evans (Chair); Martyn Vaughan, Maggie Thomas; Sue Evans; Norman Liversuch; Alan Booth;

1 APOLOGIES

David Parry; Howard Vicary; Charles Ferris; Sam Southall; Rob Southall; Les Murphy;

2. MINUTES of Trustees' Meeting held on 5 September 2016

The minutes of the meeting were agreed

Matters arising –

Spelling corrected Re: Rhianon Passmore

3. RE-CAP OF AGM DECISIONS and APPOINTING OFFICERS

Mr Terry Evans – Chairman

Mrs Sue Evans - Secretary

Mr Martyn Vaughan – Treasurer and Membership

Mr Norman Liversuch – Vice Chairman

Ms Maggie Thomas – Volunteering Secretary

Mrs Amy East – Minutes Secretary

Mr Rob Southall – Events Secretary

The frequency and nature of future meetings

Mr Terry Evans was elected Chairman, but as previously discussed, would be 'on Sabbatical' from his post for approximately 3 months, due to moving house and office, ditto Secretary, Mrs Sue Evans.

The next Trustees meeting set for Monday 6th March 2017.

In the meantime, officers will stay in contact via email and telephone, as and when required, Maggie will arrange the next Volunteering day, weather permitting, end of January.

Reimbursement of expenses, - we recognized that there are a lot of hidden costs when running a society, and Trustees should be encouraged to submit receipts for out of pocket expenses

4. CCBC/TORFAEN WORKS

Mr Gethin Bowes was unavailable to give his report, Norman will be meeting him next week, for an update.

We believe that the majority of the project has been completed.

Funding for 2017-18 is expected to be at the same level, we'll need to identify areas we want to look at, such as access, bio-diversity projects and interpretation.

5. TIDY TWMP

October's Volunteering day was well attended, Rob continued his Bracken cutting, Terry and Bill erected several replacement fence posts, Christine and Sue did a litterpick, and Alun was attacking Bracken around the tree triangles. There were more than 20 members of the public out for a walk with their families that day, and when we discussed why we were there, they were very supportive.

November's Volunteering day was not so successful as many Trustees were unavailable. One trusty member managed a litter pick, so we send our thanks to Phil.

There are still jobs to be done, like the steps, but we will chase up the relevant people, and try to complete them by the Spring.

Next scheduled volunteer day to be 29th January 2017 (as December date is Christmas day)

6. CAMPAIGN TO SAVE CWMCARN FOREST DRIVE

Mr Rob Southall was unavailable

7. TRIG POINT ADOPTION SCHEME

Mr Norman Liversuch has had a meeting with Llanarth Estates, who are very supportive of the scheme, their Land Agent has offered locally sourced timber for the construction.

The Historic Building Officer at CCBC has given application forms for consent, and assistance, as have the Cadw contacts, Louise Mees and Amelia Pannet.

Terry will send NL some more photos of the site as it is now.

NL has also spoken to another contact in Cadw, the interpretations Officer, who made some suggestions – a metal supporting ring in Corten Steel, which intentionally rusts, adding some Roman/Latin text (which we felt was out of context), feature rocks showing strata lines, inset blocks inscribed with sponsor names, Equinox and Solstice directions.

Certainly a lot to consider before the design is finalised.

8. OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES

We have moved on with the Trig point project, and should now spend some time identifying how we may move forward with some of the other projects.

NL has also contacted Steve Pugh, (Armed Forces Liaison) at CCBC regarding his proposal to ask the Welsh Regiment for their help with landscape repairs on the mountain. The idea was met with a favourable response and SP said he would investigate the possibility further.

9 EVENTS

The Annual Tump Quiz on November 28th at Crosskeys Rugby Club was again a success, with nearly 40 guests battling for the Championship!

We collected nearly £100 with the entries and Raffle. Thank you to everyone who attended, and donated a prize. Maggie will lead a Christmas "Mince Pie" walk, probably in the week after Christmas.

Mr Les Murphy will lead another walk around Penyrheol now that the bracken spraying and landscape hardening works have been completed.

10. Calendar

Report on sales of the Calendar produced by TE and SE

We produced 50 copies initially, which sold out in a short time, and have reprinted 100 copies, of which we have placed small quantities in The Cwmcarn Visitor Centre and Thoughts card shop to be sold. Online sales were brisk initially, but have slowed a little now. All members are asked to sell a couple.

11. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCE

Statement of current figures and bank balance.

Update of Martyn Vaughan's various discussions with the bank.

HSBC require that the Trustees need to approve our use of Business Internet Banking and sign a letter to agree the appointment of the "primary user".

We have also applied for a Bank Debit Card to enable purchases of supplies.

10. A.O.B.

There is a group called '**Friends of The Blackvein Colliery Cemetery**', led by Simon Lyons, who have contacted us for support.

The Trustees feel that it is outside of our area of operation, our resources are directed at Twmbarlwm, and so we cannot offer direct or financial support.

SE will write to Mr Lyons and explain.

Battle's Over Event

We have been asked by Risca Town Council to repeat the Beacon Exercise for 11th November 2018, which we all agreed. By that time the proposed link with the Welsh Regiment may be in place, which would provide us with some much needed 'manpower'.

Next Trustees meeting Monday 5th December