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## **Annual General Meeting - 2017**

Held on Monday 6th November 2017  
At Cross Keys Rugby Club

### **MINUTES**

#### **Attendance**

Terry Evans (Chair); Sue Evans; Martyn Vaughan; Rob Southall; Jack Tennison; Norman Liversuch; Les Murphy; Richard Smith; Simon James; Howard Vicary; Alun Booth; Charles Ferris; Martin Bond

#### **APOLOGIES**

Sam Southall; Maggie Thomas: Gretta Bond; Antoinette Fearnley-Whittingstall;

#### **1 CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming members.

#### **2. MINUTES of the AGM held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Matters Arising – all points covered in Agenda

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

#### **3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman's report summarised the Society's actions and achievements over the previous 12 months, (full report supplied at the end of the minutes).

#### **4. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

All points are covered in the Chair's report.

#### **5. TREASURER and MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

An Interim balance sheet was circulated, Treasurer stated that there was an anomaly with HSBC whereby an unaccounted debit was being investigated. He will report at the next meeting.

He requested a meeting with the Chair to discuss the timing of membership renewals.

Opening balance was £6,423.08, Closing Balance was £6,805.61

We Have 56 paid up members, and 450 Facebook followers.

#### **7. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

The constitution requires that all Trustees stand down at the AGM and seek re-election,

Current Trustees are:

Terry Evans – *Chair*  
Sue Evans – *Secretary*  
Martyn Vaughan – *Treasurer and Membership Secretary*  
Maggie Thomas  
Sam Southall  
Rob Southall - *Events Secretary*  
Les Murphy

Howard Vicary  
Charles Ferris  
David Parry - *not seeking re-election*  
Alun Booth - *not seeking re-election*  
Norman Liversuch – *(Vice Chair) not a trustee but co-opted as advisor*  
Simon James – *not a trustee but co-opted as advisor*

Trustee Alun Booth decided not to stand for re-election as it is getting increasingly difficult for him to attend our meetings. Alun is our oldest and probably most enthusiastic supporter and we extended our sincere thanks to him for his long and huge support for the society. He promised to continue to attend CTS events whenever possible.

Trustee Dave Parry also asked not to be considered for re-election, as he has moved house too far away for Society events. Our sincere thanks were expressed to him for his huge support for the Society and the physical work he put in, particularly in the early days of the Society.

All other Trustees were re-elected en-bloc, and agreed to continue in their roles.

## **8. A.O.B.**

### **POLICING**

PC Simon James has returned to his duties after a long absence on sick leave, and we thanked him for attending.

He explained the current policing situation regarding illegal off roading and Anti-social behaviour.

There have been combined meetings with Nick Smith, MP for Blaina Gwent, Police Commissioner Jeff Cuthbert, and Gwent Police

Rhianon Passmore instigated a multi organisation meeting in June that Les Murphy attended, he said there was no opportunity to speak due to the large number there.

Gwent Police Traffic Department have purchased a Drone camera to assist with spotting offenders.

Simon says he has not had training with it yet, and there soon may be a requirement to get another one for his off road work.

The problems are not just Torfaen, BG or Caerphilly, but nationwide, and will need a wide ranging solution, lack of resources constrains action in a lot of areas.

### **BOOK DONATION**

Alun Booth brought a box of books by Ralph Collins, which he has donated to the society for us to sell.

**TIDY TWMP** Les Murphy reminded us that the next round of bidding starts soon for landscape projects.

TACP are to do another report 'Sustainable Management of Uplands' on the state of the commons.

He also said that the current Glastir Scheme is to be extended, at least for a year, maybe longer.

**TRIG POINT ADOPTION PROPOSAL**, Norman Liversuch reported that the Trig Point Adoption has still not been approved by Cadw, although supported by the landowner and other parties, and he had got them to agree a meeting, for us to explain to them more clearly.

**ERODED SLOPES**, Gethin told us that he is investigating with the council a scheme to lay impregnated mesh over the bare scars to encourage regeneration. He will update Norman in time for our next Trustees meeting.

### **FRIENDS OF CWMCARN FOREST DRIVE**

Rob Southall reported that there was nothing received from NRW since February regarding their ongoing works. He has received acknowledgement of the petition submitted to Wales Assembly Government, but has had no other response.

**COVERT CAMERAS** Martin Bond reminded us of the possibility of using covert cameras to combat fly tipping and ASB. PC Simon James explained the legalities of putting cameras on public and private land, and thought it should be discussed further, also he reminded us of the drone option discussed earlier. We will add to the agenda at the next Trustees Meeting for full discussion.

## **9. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

The Chair thanked members for attending. He emphasised again 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 4th December 2017