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Trustees and Members Meeting

Monday 5th March 2018
Cross Keys Rugby Club

MINUTES

Attendance

Terry Evans (Chair); Martyn Vaughan, Maggie Thomas; Sue Evans; Les Murphy;
Norman Liversuch; Alun Booth; Charles Ferris; Bill Fearnley-Whittingstall; Simon James

1 APOLOGIES

Howard Vicary; Sam Southall; Rob Southall;

2. MINUTES of Trustees' Meeting held on Monday 4th December 2017

Matters arising, none

3. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCE

Martyn stated that the Account shows a closing balance of £8,162.07

We have had a donation of £250.00 from Mr Derek Thomas, Provincial Grand Master of Homfray Lodge, of the Monmouthshire Masonic Lodge, and the Calendars and Twmbarlwm beer made profits
Currently there are 56 paid members.

4. TIDY TWMP

Terry reported that the burned out car was still in the car park, Howard may take it for scrap. The vandalized gate is not repaired yet. Terry has emailed several councillors, with no reply as yet.

Maggie reported that the litterpicks continue to be supported by 8-9 people each month. Sue and Terry offered their apologies for missing a couple that happened to clash with other responsibilities.

Future workday tasks: due to the snowy weather, we have not one much over winter to the infill hedging, we need to check for gaps, and a bit of light pruning of the more vigorous ones to encourage tighter growth.

We still have not made much progress on filling the scars. .

Next scheduled volunteer day to be April 29th 2018

5. CCBC / TORFAEN / COMMONERS WORKS

Progress of work and projects agreed with the joint councils and the Commoners' Association.

Gethin Bowes said that the current Budget is running out, but there is money allocated for the signage planned for the 6 entrances to the Commons. A graphic of the proposed sign was circulated, and discussed.

Terry Evans, Norman Liversuch and Gethin Bowes will be finalising at a meeting on Wednesday 7th March.

Les Murphy reported on the TACP Report, which states that only projects identified now will count, When the report is completed it will form the basis for future funding. He hopes to restore several old ponds, and create some new ones as well as heather and bracken management, and improving grazing.

Les Murphy is to arrange the siting of rocks that have been delivered to Twmbarlwm. Howard Vicary should be 'asked nicely' (!) to replace the stones he removed from the path up to the Tump.

6. OBJECTIVES and PRIORITIES

Trig Point adoption project – Norman Liversuch and Terry Evans had another meeting with Amelia Pannet of CADW who has agreed to prepare a management plan, and assist with completing the application forms.

Trustees were asked to consider the O&P document and suggest projects we should prioritise in the coming year.

7. CAMPAIGN TO SAVE CWMCARN FOREST DRIVE

Rob Southall was not available, Terry Evans reminded us of the FoCFD Public meeting on Wednesday 7th March 2018

8. EVENTS

The Hot Cross Bun Walk is scheduled for Good Friday 30th March. Buns are organized,

Amelia Pannet of Cadw, has offered to do a 'Walk and Talk' in the Summer, or maybe a talk one week and a walk the next to show what she's been talking about.

St David's Foundation are organising a Christmas Challenge Walk, which Maggie is assisting with, and she asked if anyone would be interested in acting as Marshalls. (See letter sent to Maggie)

9. CLEAN AND GREEN COMMUNITY SURVEY

BRO Partnership has been commissioned by Torfaen CBC to prepare a Community Group Support Programme. TE and SE attended their networking session on 13th January. The Draft report has now been prepared.

10. A.O.B.

PC Simon James updated us on his current duties.

He has been up to the Ridgeway and across to Howard Vicary's recently, and states that the situation with off roading has improved a lot, he spotted a couple of bikers, who seemed legitimate, and they turned around and left on spotting him. His main problem area is now Machen, and he's caught some parties from the Midlands, on an organized trip. He and his colleagues join up with other agencies to run operations all over the area.

11. Date of next Trustees' Meeting:

Monday 4th June 2018