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## **Trustees and Members Meeting**

Monday 30th April 2018  
Cross Keys Rugby Club

# **MINUTES**

### **Attendance**

Terry Evans (Chair); Martyn Vaughan, Maggie Thomas; Sue Evans; Les Murphy; Rob Southall;  
Norman Liversuch; Charles Ferris; Simon James

### **1 APOLOGIES**

Howard Vicary; Sam Southall; Alun Booth; Gethin Bowes

### **2. MINUTES of Trustees' Meeting held on Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Matters arising,

New gate – Howard has done a temporary repair.

Les Murphy will ask/remind Howard V about replacing the stones on the steep path, and pointed out that it is the Commoners responsibility to maintain the gates.

TACP – in main agenda

Domain name costs, Terry Evans said he had been paid.

Minutes agreed

### **3. E-MAIL REPORT - In the absence of a Trustees meeting at the beginning of April, TE sent an email to all Trustees (see separate document) to update on current projects that included:**

i. Trig-Point Project.

The revised design, for the stone base and signage on the sides is now going through Cadw

ii. Drone Survey

This was very successful, we have been supplied with the files, all images and a 3D version are now online.

This will be a valuable resource for several parties.

There is a meeting with Amelia Pannet from Cadw on the 16<sup>th</sup> May at Twmbarlwm to review some of the findings of the survey. Ian Fewings of Aberystroth Archaeology Society has agreed to be there to recce the area for the geo-phys survey

iii. Geo-Phys Survey, is earmarked to be done in June - date to be confirmed

iv. Hot-Cross-Bun Walk, on a freezing, cold windy, sleety day which became worse as the day wore on, we amazingly distributed nearly 100 buns, and collected approx. £60.00.

vi. Friends of Cwmcarn Forest Drive (see main agenda)

vii. Signage on the Commons (see main agenda)

### **4. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCE**

Martyn stated that the Account shows a closing balance of £8,062.92

Currently there are 56 paid members.

It was agreed to synchronise the membership renewal date to the AGM, and we should look at sending out Data Protection statement letters in line with changing rules.

We will be paying for the Drone Survey, but it will be reimbursed by CCBC.

## 5. CCBC / TORFAEN / COMMONERS WORKS

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

- i. LM reported that the signage arranged by Gethin for the various entry points to the Commons has been ordered.
- ii. New draft of TACP report was due on 24 April and to be shown an example of similar project LM and HV had attended a meeting on Hay Bluff to see the work carried out there on landscape improvement and footpath creation - at a cost of £1.1m - it was pointed out that the cost was so high on this Brecon project because all materials etc. had to be helicoptered to the site..

## 6. OBJECTIVES and PRIORITIES

- i. Trig Point adoption project – All the necessary forms and drawing have now been submitted to Cadw - their receipt has been acknowledged and we can expect a response in approx. 13 weeks.

## 7. CAMPAIGN TO SAVE CWMCARN FOREST DRIVE

- i. Rob Southall reported on the public meeting held at Cwmcarn Workmen's Club that was attended by probably over 120 people.
- ii. Derek Stephens, the newly appointed director of NRW's strategic planning seemed positive on the possibility of obtaining funding, they will soon appoint a Project Manager then start applying for grants. The new 'proposed' opening date is now 2020.
- iii. RS applied to WAG to keeping the online petition open and so they have agreed to keep a watching brief on NRW's progress

## 8. EVENTS

**Drone Survey** Amelia Pannet of Cadw, has offered to do a 'Walk and Talk' in the Summer, or maybe a talk one week at Crosskeys on results of Drone Survey and a walk and talk on Twmbarlwm shortly after – date?

**Walk to Pool of Avarice** – date TBA

**Walk to Llanderfel - Dave Standing** – date TBA

**Clytha Park Open Day** - Sunday 22nd July 2018

**Possible Summer picnic** - aimed at kids - BBQ? - storytellers - Risca Rocks could feature - in week after July litter pick.

**Beacon** for the 100 year anniversary of end of WW1, November – with Risca Council

## 10. A.O.B.

- i. 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 organised trip. He and his colleagues join up with other agencies to run operations all over the area.
- ii. SJ also informed us that Suter's farm on Machen is now owned by Peter Heathcote (of Budget Vets) and he is creating a series of camping pods aimed at the horing community - he wondered if there was any sort of link up needed with him as regards tourism in the general area.
- iii. TE presented a choice of designs for a proposed new banner that will be printed by CCBC for them to use on their Twmbarlwm Trek event and which we will be able to keep for our own future use.

## 11. Date of next Trustees' Meeting: Monday 4th June or 2nd July