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Trustees and Members Meeting

Monday 3rd September 2018
Cross Keys Rugby Club

MINUTES

Attendance

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

1 APOLOGIES

Alun Booth: Gethin Bowes

2. MINUTES of Trustees' Meeting held on Monday 2nd July 2018

Matters arising,

Cattle gate – Howard Vicary is planning to install the new gate by the end of September, and now the large stones will stay at the side of the path to enable access for the repairs after the fire.

Signage, ordered, ongoing, Gethin is waiting for the Oak.

Minutes approved.

3. AFTERMATH OF THE TWMBARLWM FIRES

Terry Evans and Norman Liversuch have had meetings with Cadw to discuss and assess the damage to the monument. Terry gave a brief description of the extent of the damage during the fire, and said Cadw were proposing a reseeding program before the weather eroded the worst areas.

They also want a new drone survey, to document the damage, and look at any features uncovered.

There may be an Excavating opportunity, - see report from Andre.

The proposed re-seeding day is 20th September, assuming the seed can be available by then.

Simon James gave us some background information to the work of the firefighters and police force during the fires.

4. CAMPAIGN TO SAVE CWMCARN FOREST DRIVE

Rob Southall gave us an update on his work with NRW,

they say there is £1 million of funding available,

a Project Manager will be appointed in September,

There will be a Project group with multi party input – CCBC, FoCFD, NRW, CTS etc.

A CCBC engineer will survey the road and verges, to assess the damage.

NRW will then take the report and make a start in March 2019.

Rob has sent a series of questions to NRW, which he will publish on Facebook when the replies are returned.

5. TRIG-POINT PROJECT

The Project will be on hold for a while, due to the fires, CTS are continuing to plan the Project, line up the stonemason, and contractors, check translations etc.

Phil Griffiths of CCBC is hoping to announce during the next fortnight that funding has been approved for the 'Adventure Triangle Project' which should include the Trig Point Project and money for other local projects.

Norman Liversuch will arrange a meeting with Phil Griffiths of CCBC to clarify what funding we will have

6. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCE

Martyn stated that the Account shows a closing balance of £7,961.22
The Insurance renewal has been paid.
The 'Membership year' is now aligned with the AGM.

7. TIDY TUMP

Maggie Thomas continues to oversee the monthly Volunteering and Litter pick day.
The last last one in August was very wet, and only 4 hardy souls braved it, so a big Thank You to Rob Southall, Sam Southall, Maggie Thomas, and Bill F-W, who collected 4 bags of rubbish.
The previous one was called off due to the fires, and several of us have collected broken glass and debris on the slopes since then.
Next Volunteer day 30th September

8. CCBC / TORFAEN / COMMONERS WORKS

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

Les Murphy reported at the last meeting that the initial TACP report was rejected by Torfaen, and the company was asked to 'rethink' it. At this moment it has still not been published.

Money has been granted for the Upland Bog Landscape Renewal Project, for a Sustainable Management System, but they can't use it until the TACP Report has been published..
An aerial survey shows it to be 46 hectares, the 4th largest in Wales. At the moment the bog is cut in two by the road, it will be a 4 year project to change the road and reinstate the wetland.

9. EVENTS

Wednesday 26th September 2018 - Amelia Pannet and Will Davies, of Cadw, a talk at Crosskeys RC on the results of the Drone Survey, and local Architectural features, and then a walk and talk on Twmbarlwm shortly after

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

Monday 3rd December – Annual Tump Quiz

10. A.O.B.

Maggie Thomas has agreed to write the next Risca Directory page

11. Date of next Trustees' Meeting:

Monday 12th November