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## **Annual General Meeting - 2018**

Held on Monday 12th November 2018  
At Cross Keys Rugby Club

### **MINUTES**

#### **Attendance**

Terry Evans (Chair); Sue Evans (Secretary); Martyn Vaughan (Treasurer); Les Murphy; Maggie Thomas; Rob Southall; Norman Liversuch; Richard Smith; PC Simon James:

#### **APOLOGIES**

Sam Southall; Sue Jones; Jack Tennison; Howard Vicary

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

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming members, and giving a review of the year's activities..  
(Full Chairman's Report as attached document)

#### **2. MINUTES of the AGM held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Matters Arising –

The Treasurer stated that there was an anomaly with HSBC whereby an unaccounted debit of £400 was being investigated, subsequently this money was refunded to us by HSBC, but no further explanation was offered by the bank.

The minutes of the meeting were agreed. Prop NL, Sec LM

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

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

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

We continue to follow the WAG website, CCBC, TBC, and other news sources to keep an eye on anything that affects us, and other areas with similar landscapes.

We are researching ideas for landscape management and development similar to what was discussed with the authors of the Scoping Study in 2013.

The society has been kept informed of developments by CCBC of major new funding jointly administered with Torfaen BC that has been incorporated into the 'Adventure Triangle' Scheme. CTS is included as an interested Volunteer Group, with the Commoners, and Blaen Bran and have participated in meetings to establish projects where the funding can be applied.

Subsequent 'Cabinet Papers' have rejected or cancelled some schemes, and others have already been implemented, such as the Adventure Play Equipment installed above the Lake in Cwmcarn.

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

A balance sheet was circulated,

Treasurer confirmed that the anomaly with HSBC, whereby an unaccounted debit of £400 was being investigated, was resolved, and subsequently this money was refunded to us by HSBC, but no further explanation was offered by the bank.

Membership renewals – the Membership renewal date was set as November, from the AGM 2018

Opening balance was £6,881.37, Closing Balance was £7,385.19

We Have 55 paid up members, and 570 Facebook followers

The Treasurer asked the meeting for nominations for an Auditor. We will discuss again at the next meeting.

## **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
- Rob Southall - Events Secretary
- Sue Evans – Secretary
- Martyn Vaughan – Treasurer and Membership Secretary
- Sam Southall
- Les Murphy
- Howard Vicary
- Charles Ferris

Pc Simon James – not a trustee but co-opted as advisor

Maggie Thomas resigned as Trustee, but will continue as Volunteering Day Coordinator.

Proposed as New Trustees

- Bill Fearnley-Whittenstall

- Norman Liversuch – previously co-opted as advisor

Voted unanimously approved

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

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

### **POLICING**

PC Simon James explained the current policing situation regarding illegal off roading and Anti-social behaviour.

The area has been relatively quiet for the Summer, but recently there has been a lot of activity in all the areas I cover. Fly tipping has reduced on Twmbarlwm, but increased in other CCBC sites.

There should be better provision for legal bike riding, such as Howard Duke's track, which can be fenced and policed to avoid 'escapees' on to the mountain.

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.

### **TIDY TWMP**

Les Murphy recounted his recent trip to Ireland to see the results of the Hen Harrier Project, we will be continuing to discuss this with the Trustees in the coming months.

## **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.