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## **Trustees' Meeting**

**Monday 14th March 2022**  
**Held at Philanthropic Inn, Pontywaun**

# MINUTES (DRAFT - not complete)

### **ATTENDANCE**

Terry Evans (Chair); Martyn Vaughan; Sue Evans; Norman Liversuch; Rob Southall;  
Sam Southall; Bill Fearnley-Whittingstall;

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Les Murphy; Howard Vicary; Sally Davies; Charles Ferris;

### **2. MINUTES of Trustees' Meeting held on Monday 31st January 2022**

Reviewed and Approved by the meeting  
Matters arising

### **4. ARCHAEOLOGY AND CADW - Sward Management**

TE reported on a phone conversation earlier today with Will Davies (Cadw).

- i. Discussed our reservations about continuing the archaeology work with CPAT because we weren't happy with some elements of their service. But much would depend upon the available spending available - Will said he would talk to Kate (I assume their funding officer) as we are at the time of year when funds are being allocated.
- ii. Will thought we would be better off sticking with CPAT as new contractors may not be keen to pick up the pieces of somebody else's work. A smaller independent contractor may not have the necessary equipment for the job.
- iii. I suggested we need to have a face to face meeting in the next few weeks so we can come up with a definitive brief for what needs to be done - we should aim for August/September excavation again.
- iv. We need to ensure that we complete some parts of the original brief - such as work on the cairn and on the ridge and furrows.
- v. Someone who can do Photogrammetry would be preferable to the drawing of every single stone during the excavation.

### **5. CCBC/TORFAEN/COMMONERS WORKS**

Norman said that he has heard that Torfaen have pulled out of their project on improvements on the Mon Brec Canal - which was being done with Adventure Triangle Funding - so it now appears that there will be more money available for further projects on our side of the mountain. That money will have to be applied for within the next week (according to a conversation had with Dewi Thomas of CCBC earlier). So we discussed what should be put on our list of desires. This included:

- i. Ecological Study by Gwent Wildlife Trust (GWT have said it will be £3,000 but someone said Cadw agreed to cover all or part of this).

- ii. Bracken Spraying
- iii. Fencing
- iv. Temporary footpaths
- v. Continuation of archaeological investigation including possible boring of the motte

Norman to liaise with Dewi and put together the funding application.

Phone conversation with Howard said

- i. Cost of proposed fence on Pegwn y Bwlch Side £10,000 (Although Gethin has said that he thinks this cost is covered).
- ii. Path up from PyB needs repair
- iii. Need more funding to clear feral trees
- iv. Trees have been planted within fence from car park to forestry on other side
- v. All materials are in for the floating paths - will start soon
- vi. Two more cross drains needed on Orpa (by new corral)
- vii. Permission for new cycle track on far end of ridgeway still not yet approved

## 6. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACON

- i. Sally Davies, Risca Town Council, and Sue Evans, CTS, agreed to begin the Beacon arrangements, starting with registering our interest with The Jubilee Pageant master, Bruno Peake.
- ii. The Beacon will be retrieved from storage and all the relevant checks made
- iii. Norman Liversuch offered to enquire of Gethin if a vehicle might be available to take the equipment up the hill.
- iv. We asked Sam Southall if he would ask the local Scouts who helped us out last time, if they might offer support such as marshaling and/or supply of gas.

## 7. EVENTS

**The Hot Cross Bun Walk** Good Friday, 15th April 2022

Sue agreed to organise buns again

Rob said he will lead walk, with the Ramblers, from Cwmcarn

Maggie said she would lead walk from Stony Bridge Pontymister

Sam will ask Abercarn Scouts if they are taking part.

## PROPOSED EVENTS

## 8. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCE

- i. Bank balance is currently £8,766.46
- ii. We have 46 paid up members.
- iii. (We have 923 followers on Facebook)
- iv. Martyn has researched a few other banks that we may move the account to and suggests that he will go to have a meeting at the Metro Bank in Cardiff.

## 9. TIDY TWMP

February litter pick was very well attended and we cleared up two very bad fly tips which were collected by the council the following day.

## 10. A.O.B.

## 11. Date of next Trustees' Meeting:

TBC