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Trustees' Meeting MINUTES

Monday 24th October 2022

Held at 19 Ombersley Road, Newport, NP20 3EF

1. ATTENDANCE

Terry Evans (Chair); Sue Evans; Norman Liversuch; Bill Fearnley-Whittingstall;
Martyn Vaughan; Sally Davies; Howard Vicary

APOLOGIES

Les Murphy; Rob Southall; Sam Southall; Charles Ferris;

2. MINUTES of Trustees' Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2022

- i. Matters arising – Treasurer, covered in agenda point 7
- ii. Reviewed and Approved by the meeting: Prop TE, Sec MV

3. MYNYDD MAEN WINDFARM

- i. There are currently plans underway for the development of a wind farm on the Penyrheol end of the Mynydd Maen ridgeway - this will consist at least 15 x 150m tall windmills.
- ii. TE and RS had a meeting with Chris Jackson of RES - the renewable energy group proposing the project - in February 2022
- iii. TE, NL and SE had a meeting with Chris Jackson again last week, on 19th October - attached are Norman's notes on the meeting. The Land Offset requirement impacts our area of interest around the Scheduled Monument.
- iv. The implications of this development were discussed. TE provided maps and illustrations from the company's website. There was general agreement on the concerns mentioned in Norman's notes. There was concern that RES's proposals as regards the boundary around the SAM would affect our current Sward management plans yet it was decided to continue with them as we have the funding in place and the Sward plans have no real bearing on their Offset proposals. We should also continue to strongly express our opposition to removing any existing fences or barriers.
- v. See their website here: <http://www.mynyddmaen-windfarm.co.uk/consultation/>

4. ARCHAEOLOGY AND CADW

- i. Jack Rowe of CPAT informed us that he had chased up the completion of the archaeology report with a view to organising the final outreach session next spring he said it should be with us before christmas.
- ii. The CPAT Invoice of £23,000 has been approved although the funds have not yet been transferred to our bank account.
- iii. CPAT have been advertising on Twitter etc. that they are hosting an Open Day in Brecon where they have a series of talkers on their various projects, including Chris Matthews on Twmbarlwm. This is a paid for event and we were not initially invited to it - but we have

been given complimentary tickets. TE will be attending and anyone else is welcome to accompany him.

5. SWARD MANAGEMENT PLAN and BIO BLITZ

- i. NL has applied for funding from the Community Empowerment Fund towards this, waiting for result.
- ii. The Bio Blitz event on 11 September, was excellent, not a huge public attendance, but Andy Karren of GWT recorded over 100 species during that day and his previous visit. A full report and photos was put online and included in the article in the Directory.

6. CCBC/TORFAEN/COMMONERS WORKS

- i. The Trig Point work is still not done
- ii. The Floating Path extensions are due to start next month
- iii. The Path up from the car park is due to have additional material added, we will assess it afterwards
- iv. The steps up from the car park need widening

7. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCE

- i. MV stated that Treasurers report should be higher up on the Agenda, and the Secretary agreed to implement this.
- ii. MV reported on the Statement of current figures and bank balance,
- iii. Current account £8,375.10, with a sum of £74.00 to be paid in.
- iv. Membership summary, we have 70 paid up members, including the Volunteers Free memberships.
- v. CF suggested a lady called Leah Price as Treasurer, but she has not agreed as yet
- vi. Auditor, Ms Sue Lewis will Audit the accounts at a cost of £125.00. NL will liaise with her.

8. AGM PREPARATION

- i. AGM is to be held in November - ideally the Monday 14th - TE to confirm
- ii. Trustees are supposed to resign and stand for re-election - do all current Trustees wish to stay in position - all present agreed to continue?
- iii. Officers are decided upon in the Trustees' meeting held after the AGM - but are normally chosen at the the AGM - position of Treasurer and Membership Secretary needs to be discussed as Martyn is retiring from the post (see 7.v above)
- iv. Accounts have never been fully audited - this needs to be sorted (see 7.vi above)

9. EVENTS

Norman has arranged the following talks to be held at Crosskeys RFC - although venue and dates are yet to be confirmed

- i. 10th October 2022 – Newport Castle – Will Davies, Cadw – This was a well attended event and despite some technical problems with the projector half way through it was well received and we picked up a few new members.

- ii. 7th November 2022 – Being Santa, the history of Father Christmas and life in the grotto – Roger Morgan
- iii. 7th December 2022 – Christmas Quiz
- iv. 1st February 2023 – The Lost Farms of Mynydd Maen – Rob Southall
- v. 1st March 2023 – The Newport Transporter Bridge – Speaker to be confirmed
- vi. 5th April 2023 – The Newport Medieval Ship – Jeff Grosvenor, Friends of Newport Medieval Ship

Other possible events:

- vii. Walk to Pwll Tra?? and/or Llanderfel??
- viii. There will be a report of this year's Archaeology by CPAT some time in Spring 2023 - hopefully with some activities for children - note that CPAT have not yet invoiced us for this element of the outreach that was in their original quote.
- ix. We discussed new venues to hold our talks; we need to check if the Philanthropic Inn has a projector, as it could be a useful smaller venue. – asked them, not heard yet

10. TIDY TWMP

- i. Our monthly litter pick Sundays are still well attended, with a core of a dozen members, regularly expanded by a few new enthusiasts.
- ii. Next scheduled litter pick and volunteer day will be 30 October 2022

11. A.O.B.

- i. Thanks to Bill F-W and Antoinette for hosting our meeting at short notice

12. Date of next Trustees' Meeting

- i. The next meeting is the AGM, Monday 14th November