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Minutes

Meeting of the Trustees

7.00pm on Monday 7th November 2014 at Crosskeys RFC

ATTENDANCE

Terry Evans (Chair), Andrew George, Maggie Thomas, Sue Evans, Dave Parry, Rob Southall,
Howard Vickery, Alan Booth

1. APOLOGIES

Norman Liversuch

2. MINUTES OF TRUSTEES MEETING

held on 6th October and matters arising
The minutes were approved, with no points to be carried over

3. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

The following officers were nominated and seconded
Chair - Terry Evans
Secretary – Sue Evans
Treasurer – Maggie Thomas
Minutes Secretary – Andrew George

The following Trustees expressed their interest in specific project areas
Archaeology and history – Rob Southall and Alan Booth
Bio-diversity and wildlife – Sue Evans and Howard Vicary
Estate management – Howard Vicary and Dave Parry
Additional 'Old fart in the corner' – Alan Booth(!)

4. TIDY TWMP

Report on Workday held on 26th October
The remaining sapling trees were planted within the triangular fenced area, broken fencing was repaired,
and a litterpick undertaken.
Work to do – outstanding 'snagging' tasks
Action: HV agreed to move the stockgate in the next few days, as weather allowed, before the next
volunteer day, and begin repairs to the muddy area around the kissing gate leading to the floating path.
Action: HV was asked to consider the cost for completing the job in the same style as the floating path.
Action: DP had not been able to source a new gate to replace the one damaged by animals, so it was
agreed to attempt a repair to the existing one.

Volunteer day tasks –

It was agreed that installing a set of steps over the car park perimeter would lead walkers up the path
leading to the correct gate, and not the centre path, that has no gate.
Action: DP would contact Phil Griffiths at CCBC to obtain any Permission for this work.
Action: MT offered to make 4 arrow signs to be installed on waymark posts to be supplied and installed by
DP and HV on the Volunteer day

Next volunteer day 30th November (see below)

5. STATUE OF MOUNTAIN RESCUE MAN

Jo Anne Anstey of NRW has offered this sculpture to CTS (through a phone conversation with TE) – they are removing it from Pegwyn y Bwlch and will deliver it where we want, but we will have to install it. We discussed possible sites, such as over the fence from where it is already, or the carpark, with no decision. Also the 'return to its subject' option. RS mentioned that all the interpretation boards had been removed from the Forest Drive too, and would any be of use to the Society.

Action: TE was asked to contact Jo Anne for more information on both.

6. WILDLIFE SURVEY and FUTURE ECOLOGY PROJECTS

Monday 10th November SE and TE met with Andy Karran of the Gwent Wildlife Trust who visited Twmbarlwm, -see separate report – and he was very positive as to the importance of the landscape, which he hopes to include in a new survey next Spring. He also suggested holding wildlife events in conjunction with the Trust.

Action: SE to write and thank him for his visit etc

7. CAMPAIGN TO SAVE CWMCARN FOREST DRIVE

RS continuing to lobby NRW, next meeting Wednesday 12 November.

8. ORPA, COMMONERS and FUNDING FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

Howard reported that much of the work proposed by the Commoners would not go ahead as it had not been approved for Glastir funding after all.

TE asked if there were any parts of the work where CTS may help or collaborate.

Action: SE agreed to contact Les Murphy, Chair of the Commoners Committee, to arrange a meeting.

9. WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, NEWSLETTER and PUBLICITY

Carried forward to next meeting

10. EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT – 19th November.

We agreed to get a perpetual cup or shield for the winning team, and add last year's winners.

Action: Everyone to obtain raffle prizes, and raise a team. TE to co-ordinate questions. MT to contact John Venn to act as quizmaster?

11. MEMBERSHIP

MT reported limited success for her reminder campaign, but would continue.

12. FINANCE

Current balance - £6218.98 TE

Due to the change of Trustees, we need to have new signatories for the cheques.

Action: MT to obtain forms to amend the signatories on the account, who will be TE, MT and RS

Action: MT, SE & TE to meet 25 November to discuss working procedures

13. A.O.B.

None

Date of next Trustees' Meeting

Monday 1st December 2014 at Crosskeys RFC