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Minutes

Meeting of the Trustees

7.00pm on Monday 1st December 2014 at Crosskeys RFC

ATTENDANCE

Terry Evans (Chair), Maggie Thomas, Sue Evans, Dave Parry, Norman Liversuch, Howard Vickery, Alan Booth

APOLOGIES

Andrew George, Rob Southall

MINUTES OF TRUSTEES MEETING

held on 6th October and matters arising

RE: Point 5, STATUE OF MOUNTAIN RESCUE MAN- relocation

TCE wrote to J Anstey at NRW for more info, only to find that the statue had already been removed.

Action: TCE to chase up where it has gone

The minutes were approved

1 - TIDY TWMP

Report on Workday held on 30th November

12 volunteers attended, for various tasks, litterpicking, etc.

DP obtained 3 CCBC Fingerposts which were installed, to guide walkers to the two kissing gates.

HV moved the stockgate and repaired the Kissing gate.

FUTURE WORK

Re: Steps from carpark

We need to send a plan and info to Phil Griffiths, **Action:** TCE

Re: Floating path around kissing gate, DP has been to the wood yard to source the timber, and the installation will be scheduled for a volunteer day.

2 - CAMPAIGN TO SAVE CWMCARN FOREST DRIVE

RS continuing to lobby NRW, no immediate business to report.

3 - COMMONERS, and FUNDING FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

HV stated that the 4 commons over Mynydd Maen had stocking levels reduced for cattle, sheep etc. The Commoners were looking for money to enable spraying the bracken, around the SAM, which would possibly come from Cadw. They also want to restore several ponds.

It was agreed we need to work to identify funding for restoring the 'scrapes' on the slopes.

NL said that CCBC has a small amount of Grant Aid available for managing commons in Caerphilly,

Action: HV and SE have contacted Les Murphy, leader of the Commoners Committee to arrange a joint meeting, which will be 9th December at HV's

4 - WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, NEWSLETTER and PUBLICITY

Carried forward to next meeting

5 -EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT – 19th November. We had a very successful night, with 42 people attending, and we raised £
The XX retained their winners trophy,
We had many generous donations for raffle prizes, and everyone went away having enjoyed themselves.
We should charge £2.00 next time

We will arrange a CHRISTMAS WALK – Sunday 28th December

– instead of or as well as the work day. MT agreed to lead a walk from The canal bridge at Pontywaun.

6 - MEMBERSHIP

MT reported several renewals and two (?) new members

7 - FINANCE

Current balance - £6218.98 TE

Due to the change of Trustees, the new signatories for the cheques are now MT and RS

8 - A.O.B.

The Trustees were delighted to congratulate Mr Terry Evans on being awarded the Pride in your Place Award for his tireless work defending Twmbarlwm, and promoting the Twmbarlwm Society. (!)

SCOPING STUDY

NL said that Torfaen and CCBC are planning a formal launch for the long awaited Scoping Study

CONSERVATION & EDUCATION

TCE said that while at the Pride of Place Awards, he was impressed with the standard of schools' involvement in conservation projects, and we should make greater efforts to approach local schools to offer support.

Date of next Trustees' Meeting

(Monday 5th January 2015 is the scheduled date – but will it be needed?)

So – probably - Monday 2nd February 2015 at Crosskeys RFC