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Trustees Meeting

Monday 2 March 2015
Cross Keys Rugby Club

MINUTES

Attendance

Terry Evans (Chair); Sue Evans; Andrew George; David Parry; Rob Southall; and Howard Vicary

1. Apologies

1.1 Alun Booth; Norman Liversuch and Maggie Thomas

2. Minutes of Trustees' Meeting held on 2 February 2015 and Matters Arising

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2015 were agreed.

2.2 The action point for TE and RS to meet to discuss the next newsletter was carried over.

3. Tidy Twmp

3.1 TE reported that:

- 6 people had attended the last work day which had included replacing the vandalised fingerpost
- Tasks for the next work day would include:
 - constructing steps from the car park
 - repairing infill to the floating paths to the Twmp
 - It was agreed that it would be worthwhile to undertake these tasks before the Good Friday Walk.
 - Planting in the gap where the stock gate had been (HV)
 - Repairs to the Forestry kissing gate and the fencing below the Forestry
- Fly-tipping and a burnt out car had been reported to Simon; and a vandalised ORPA sign to TCBC

4. ORPA, Commoners and Funding for Future Projects

4.1 TE said that he and DP had met CCBC and the Commoners. Two sources of funding were available for work to protect pedestrian access and restrict illegal access to Common Land. £600k was available to four authorities under one grant scheme and had to be spent by 1 April 2015. Some had already been earmarked for habitat development. £15k was available under

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another other grant scheme which could be phased over three years. The outcome of the meeting was that:

- CCBC would fund the replacement of the cattle grid
- it was not possible to pre-order any block stones to be used to demarcate footpaths
- Les Murphy would report back after meeting TCBC

4.2 TE said that he would apply for funding under the Police Commissioner's scheme for 24 block stones for "target hardening" of the Twm Barlwm to Blaen Bran track.

5. Scoping Study

5.1 SE summarized the main points of the Study. Following discussion it was agreed that TE should write to Phil Griffiths welcoming the study and asking about its current status.

6. Policing Issues

6.1 It was agreed that CTS should invite the new Inspector at Risca Police Station to attend a Trustees' meeting to discuss the police presence at Twm Barlwm.

7. Campaign to Save Cwmcarn Forest Drive

7.1 RS said that the forestry work would be starting on 9 March.

8. Events

8.1 The following events were planned:

- a biodiversity bash at the end of May. SE said that the Gwent Wildlife Trust had written to landowners about making Twm Barlwm a Local Wildlife Site, which would be eligible for grants.
- the Good Friday Hot Cross Bun Walk on 3 April
- RS would be arranging a farms walk in May.

8.2 It was agreed that it would be sensible to hold a question and answer session for members alongside the next talk.

9. Membership and Finance

9.1 No report

10. AOB

10.1 None

11. Date of next meeting – Monday 13 April(?) 2015 at Cross Keys Rugby Club, 7.00pm