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Trustees Meeting

Monday 11 May 2015 Cross Keys Rugby Club

MINUTES

Attendance

Alun Booth; Terry Evans (Chair); Sue Evans; Andrew George; Norman Liversuch; David Parry; and Maggie Thomas

1. Apologies

1.1 Rob Southall

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

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 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:
 - The workday in March had been a washout but 6 people had attended in April.
 - Tasks for the next work day would include:
 - constructing steps from the car park
 - o repairing infill to the floating paths to the Twmp
 - Planting in the gap where the stock gate had been
 - Repairs to the Forestry kissing gate and the fencing below the Forestry

4. Events

4.1 TE said that the Good Friday walk had been a success with up to 90 walkers converging from Pontymister, Cwmcarn, Cwmbran and Blaen Bran. £35 had been collected for hot cross buns, and more should be sold next year.

4.2 TE said that he and SE had met the Commoners who had not been enthusiastic about the proposed biodiversity blitz because of incursions onto the Common and potential changes to its designation. However, Gwent Wildlife Trust were still keen. SE would write to seek Jack Hanbury Tenison's permission to undertake the project in July or August.

4.3 It was agreed to hold a talk / quiz at the end of June, and to hold a question and answer session for members alongside.

5. Objectives of CTS

5.1 This would be dealt with by email. .

6. ORPA, Commoners and Funding for Future Projects

6.1 . TE said that he had not applied for funding under the Police Commissioner's scheme for 24 block stones for "target hardening" of the Twm Barlwm to Blaen Bran track.

7. Policing Issues

7.1 TE said that he had been unable to contact PC Simon Jones who was now covering Torfaen and Caerphilly. It was agreed that CTS should meet the new Inspector at Risca Police Station to discuss his role.

8. Campaign to Save Cwmcarn Forest Drive

8.1 The forestry work was starting on 11 May.

9. Membership and Finance

9.1 TE said that the bank balance was £6,315 which included £5k which has been earmarked for signage. It was agreed to ask CCBC if some or all of this money could be redirected into stones to act as a barrier on the ORPA (in collaboration with TCBC and the Commoners); or a pictograph on the Twmp, subject to approval from Cadw.

10. AOB

- 10.1 None
- 11. Date of next meeting Monday 1 June 2015 at Cross Keys Rugby Club, 7.00pm