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## **Trustees Meeting**

Monday 1st June 2015  
Cross Keys Rugby Club

### **MINUTES**

#### **Attendance**

Terry Evans (Chair); Sue Evans; Alan Booth; Norman Liversuch; David Parry; Rob Southall;

#### **1. Apologies**

Andrew George; Maggie Thomas; and Howard Vickery.

#### **2. Minutes of Trustees' Meeting held on 11 May 2015 and Matters Arising**

2.1 The minutes of the meetings held on 11 May 2015 were agreed.

##### 2.2 Matters Arising

**Blocking stones** - NL said that Phil Griffiths has a meeting with the Commoners to discuss funding out of NRW budget

**Cattle Grid** – tenders are in, and work scheduled to begin end of June

**Scoping Study** – CCBC & Torfaen have no opposition to Public Launch, they are looking for grant from NRW to help launch.

It was suggested that CTS could offer to 'host' the launch, SE to contact Phil Griffiths and NL will mention it when he sees him.

**Policing** – Phil Griffiths says the policy is to keep Simon James, but not with vehicles to catch off-roaders, but tackling them by other means,

#### **3. Tidy Tump**

##### 3.1 TE reported that the litterpick/workday

We collected several bags of rubbish, but it was not too bad, although there were many heavier items such as tyres and garden rubbish dumped.

3:2 We replaced the vandalised trees from the smaller triangle, and planted replacement saplings in the cross fence.

A team replaced rotten fence posts, and started Bracken Bashing.

3:3 We need HV's input for further fencing, and to install the steps.

DP says the council are willing to supply some more fence posts (12) for us to maintain the fencing during volunteer days.

3:4 We need to contact the Rights of Way Officer, Andy Powell, re the broken stile which needs repairing



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3:5 The next volunteer day is 28<sup>th</sup> June

#### **4. Events**

4.1 SEWBREC/Gwent Wildlife have confirmed they are to do a Recorders Day on Saturday 22nd August, SE to meet with Amy Hicks for a site visit to help identify suitable areas. They will promote the event, with us to support via our Website and F/B

4.2 RS agreed to lead Walk on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July from the carpark to Llanderfel Monastic Chapel.

Also, on 2<sup>nd</sup> August a Lost Farms Walk, starting at the Visitors Centre, taking in The Rhyswg, The Glyn, and Ffynnon y Carn, and back to the Visitors Centre.

There will be a Talk on Twmbarlwm by RS at Crosskeys Rugby Club on 22<sup>nd</sup> September

4.3 We discussed whether the Society should have a presence at the following summer events: the 14 Locks Open Day, the Risca Summer Fayre and the Blaen Bran Open Day. SE stated Risca Fayre had closed, but it was now a commercial enterprise that didn't offer us much coverage, Blaen Bran the best option, and we will check the dates.

#### **5. Objectives and Projects**

5.1 We discussed various options for moving the Society forward, RS offered to contact Cwmbran Archaeology Soc to re-establish our links,

We need to identify areas of funding for future projects,

#### **6. Commoners and Funding**

6.1 Phil Griffiths at CCBC is due to have a meeting with the commoners, as previously mentioned, we will await info on this from Les Murphy.

#### **7. Policing Issues**

7.1 MT has discovered links to videos of off-roaders riding around the area – including Twmbarlwm – and she can identify them as locals. We will write to Ian Johnstone, and the local Police Superintendent voicing our concerns.

#### **8. Campaign to Save Cwmcarn Forest Drive**

8.1 RS stated that they had started work above Carpark 1, and felling with chainsaws at the present, before the bigger machinery was deployed.

RS is monitoring areas that raised concern for conservation, such as Pwll Tra and the Farmsteads ruins, and has sent a letter listing his concerns to NRW.

**Date of next meeting** – Monday 6 July 2015 at Cross Keys Rugby Club, 7.00pm