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## **Trustees Meeting**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
Cross Keys Rugby Club

# **MINUTES**

### **Attendance**

Terry Evans (Chair); Sue Evans; Maggie Thomas; Howard Vicary; Les Murphy; Norman Liversuch;  
David Parry; Alan Booth; Martin Vaughan

### **1 APOLOGIES**

Rob Southall; Sam Southall

### **2. MINUTES of Trustees' Meeting held on Monday 5th October 2015**

#### **Matters Arising –**

A new gate has been installed at the entrance to the common, however the cattle grid has not yet been repaired or replaced..

The Tipping charges letter – the one reply we have had was from Rhodri Lloyd, offering the solution to leave any rubbish we collect in Mill Lane Car Park Recycling area, from where it will be collected by the council.

It was suggested we resend some of the letters, with a note saying 'The meeting was 'disappointed' with the poor response, etc., and an additional letter to Cllr Ken James.

MT was due to attend an Access forum meeting later that week and would mention the subject if the opportunity arose.

The minutes of the meeting were agreed

### **3. Re-Cap of AGM decisions, and Appointing Officers**

The Following appointments were made:-

Chairman	Terry Evans
Vice Chair	Norman Liversuch
Secretary	Sue Evans
Membership and Treasurer	Maggie Thomas, Jointly with Martin Vaughan
Events Secretary	Rob Southall

We will send a letter of thanks to retiring Trustee Andrew George.

### **4. OBJECTIVES and PRIORITIES**

Having achieved the initial objectives of the Society we need to assess the future priorities, including defining our boundaries of operation.

It was decided that this would be the only item on the Agenda for the first meeting in 2016, on January 11<sup>th</sup>, and all Trustees were urged to come to the meeting with some ideas for suitable projects.

## 5. TIDY TWMP

### Litterpick / Workdays held on 25th October and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015

As usual, several bags of rubbish were collected,

Howard Vicary and Dave Parry installed the area of floating path around the kissing gate, and replaced several fence posts.

29<sup>th</sup> November – only Terry Evans mad enough to brave the storm,

#### *Work to do -*

The Floating path at the top of the monument is in need of repair, stones missing etc. We should contact Phil Griffiths to tell him we'll offer to repair it on a volunteer day

An area of the hedge infill has not thrived due to the wetness of the land. Maybe we could identify a plant that could survive there, or infill the fence with some of the felled conifers.

The steps from the car park are still scheduled for a fine weekend, HV and DP

TE and RS will continue to trim bracken on each side of the scars, and spread in eroded trenches. HV will be felling feral trees on the common, and we will use them as fencing infill.

## 6. EVENTS

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Crosskeys RFC, Prof Maddy Gray gave a talk, "The Cistercian Way", which was well attended. Almost £100 was collected on the night which included 4 new memberships, entry fees and a raffle with donated items as the prizes.

Monday 23rd November ~, Tump Quiz Night, another great night out, approx. 40 people in 8 teams battled the fiendish questions set by our Chairman. The Machen Marauders retained their title that they won in 2014. Again almost £100 was collected on the night with £70 being banked after allowing for the costs of the trophy and prizes. Our thanks go out to those who donated some very good prizes for the raffle – including a bag of turnips – and which added to the overall profit.

Sunday 27th December ~ Pontywaun Wharf 10.30am, Xmas Excess Walk, led by Maggie Thomas. Suggested informing 14 Locks to invite them too, but seems they are closed all over Christmas and New Year.

RS is planning 3 talks for early next year, including a talk by Les Murphy on Commons and Commoners, and maybe Chris Barber.

17 or 24<sup>th</sup> January - Les Murphy offered to lead a walk to Penyrheol in early November, but it was cancelled due to bad weather, so now rescheduled for 17 or 24<sup>th</sup> January.

## 7. COMMONERS AND FUNDING

Les Murphy reported he'd had discussions with Inspector Morgan, Cwmbran Police have successfully confiscated several off-road bikes in Llanover, and have pending prosecutions of 4x4 vehicles.

LM intends writing to Anne Neagle re funding for a Ranger scheme.

## 8. POLICING ISSUES

We would like to invite PC Simon James to report to us, and possibly arrange a meeting with the local Inspector, but we were advised that Simon was unavailable, due to a recent family bereavement. We discussed sending a note of condolence from the Society, but due to it being just before Christmas, decided to wait until we see him.

## **9. CAMPAIGN TO SAVE CWMCARN FOREST DRIVE**

25<sup>th</sup> January, there is a Public meeting and Official launch of The Friends of Cwmcarn Forest Drive. MT said that The Friends had made a difference, with NRW taking account of public feeling –and so operating slightly more responsibly – to reinstate paths, and offer more information etc.

## **8. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCE**

We have had several new members, and raised money at talks, a full Statement of current figures and bank balance was presented at the AGM.

## **10. A.O.B.**

Access Green Paper – MT said that the consultation was over, but there would be no movement until after the election (Rhiannon Passmore hopes to be a candidate)  
She will write to WAG and ask for their views on the consultation.

## **Date of next Trustees' Meeting:**

Monday 11th January 2016