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Trustees Meeting

Monday 7 March 2016
Cross Keys Rugby Club

MINUTES

Attendance

Terry Evans (Chair); Sue Evans; Maggie Thomas; Norman Liversuch;
Alan Booth; Les Murphy;

1 APOLOGIES

Rob Southall; David Parry; Sam Southall; Howard Vicary; Martyn Vaughan

2. MINUTES of Trustees' Meeting held on 1st February 2016

Matters Arising –

Re: The Tipping charges - Norman Liversuch said that he will contact Phil Griffiths again for an update

A poster for the Chris Barber Talk next month is available and Trustees were asked to distribute copies. Les Murphy agreed to hold his talk on Monday 16th May and would meet with RS and/or TE to prepare a PowerPoint presentation.

The Open Spaces Society have several information booklets on their site,
<http://www.oss.org.uk/what-we-do/commons/>

(SE - but I note it may only refer to English Commons)

The minutes of the meeting were agreed

3. CCBC/TORFAEN WORKS

Report on progress of work agreed with Gethin Bowes of CCBC

CTS materials have been delivered,
Chippings x 3 loads, vehicle barriers ordered,
Stones delivered – 30 to Les, and 30 to Howard.
Fencing materials delivered

There are stones to be delivered to the Risca side, we have to advise the haulier of the best route, failing that deliver them to Howard's.

The cutting down of the feral trees is nearly completed.

Ken Young, the Stonemason, has been contacted regarding the entrance gate stone walls.

200T of material is ordered for track repairs on the ridge.

There has been no movement on the ORPA as of this date

4. TIDY TWMP

i. Report on February Litterpick

ii. TE sent a detailed, illustrated letter to councillors and appropriate council personnel highlighting the recent spate of fly-tipping and burnt out cars

iii. Future volunteer events and what tasks need to be done.

iv. Next scheduled volunteer day is 28th February 2016

Work to do - Many of the jobs on our 'work to do' list are covered and expanded by the new works in the CCBC/Torfaen scheme above, but we have scheduled to install steps from the car park, and as the

weather improves we will be organising volunteering dates for infilling gaps in the existing fencing, and making an early start on 'Bracken Bashing'
Next scheduled volunteer day is 28th February 2016

5. EVENTS

- i. Monday 21st March - Talk by Chris Barber entitled Roaming with a Camera in Gwent. his fee is £60 (check availability of screen and projector).
- ii. Good Friday Walk (25th March) we arrangements for the walk, SE stated we had offers of Hot Cross Buns from Greggs and Tesco's, and the Charity Co-ordinator from Tesco was hoping to join us on our walk.
- iii. We have been asked by Risca Community council to assist with their lighting a Beacon Event for the Queens 90th birthday on 21st April. Terry and Sue attended their Council meeting and explained how it operated, and how we dealt with the Jubilee Beacon.
- iv. Les Murphy agreed to hold his talk on Monday 16th May on Commons Law
- v. Rob Southall was due to lead a walk, 'The Lost FarmsWalk' originally at the beginning of April - need to check the date, and publicise.

TE asked for suggestions for walks and talks, and can all Trustees note these events and help promote them and offer to help out in some way on the day.

6. POLICING ISSUES

TE asked PC Simon James to come along to report on current policing situation, he was unable to attend, but discussed over the phone, Inspector Jason White is now permanent, and Simon's role covers other areas more

Les Murphy said he had met with the police three weeks previously, to see CCTV evidence of a particular incident. He decided not to pursue any action

7. OBJECTIVES and PRIORITIES

The final O & P list is completed, and approved.

8. CAMPAIGN TO SAVE CWMCARN FOREST DRIVE

Report on progress since the last meeting – Rob Southall was not available

9. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCE

MT stated that there had been several new members recruited at our events, and she was continuing to chase subs.

10. A.O.B.

18 February - Terry Evans, Maggie Thomas and Martyn Vaughan met to update membership lists and explain the Treasurers role.

Next Trustees meeting Monday 4 April

Next Volunteer Day 27th March – decided to cancel as it falls on Easter Day