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Trustees Meeting

Monday 4 April 2016
Cross Keys Rugby Club

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Terry Evans (Chair); Sue Evans; Maggie Thomas; Rob Southall; Norman Liversuch;
Alun Booth; Les Murphy; Sam Southall.

1 APOLOGIES

David Parry; Howard Vicary; Martyn Vaughan

2. MINUTES of Trustees' Meeting held on 7th March 2016

Matters Arising –

Further to The Open Spaces Society mentioned last month, Les Murphy explained that the 2006 Commons Act has been adopted by England but not Wales, – we declined due to Section 49, see Wikipedia for more info!

CCBC/TORFAEN WORKS - Additionally, as below, Howard and Gethin are arranging delivery of the 30 stones for our side.

The minutes of the meeting were agreed

3. CCBC/TORFAEN WORKS

Report on progress of work agreed with Gethin Bowes of CCBC

- i. Howard and Gethin are arranging delivery of the 30 stones for our side. There is a meeting scheduled in two weeks (w/c 18 April) to discuss the access for the stones delivery
- ii. NRW have been asked to replace stones around the barrier
- iii. The feral trees are gone
- iv. Gethin and Ken Young, the Stonemason, have visited the site to inspect the two sites earmarked for the stonework. Some standing stones at the green gate are already in place.
- v. Les Murphy and the Commoners have identified several areas for projects next year, Norman Liversuch agreed that we need to be thinking ahead to next year's allocation of funding.
- vi. 200T of material for track repairs on the ridge that had already been delivered – Les Murphy says it may not be enough.
- vii. We need a timetable from Gethin for installing the Fencing and chippings already bought.
- viii. There has been no movement on the status of the ORPA as of this date

4. TIDY TWMP

- i. The March Litterpick was cancelled due to the date falling on Easter Sunday
- ii. Letters have been sent to Councillors and CCBC Officers highlighting the recent spate of fly-tipping and burnt out cars, and there have been a further 5 burned in recent weeks. We have been told that that the scrap price is so low that youths are buying cars to ride around in until they break down, and then they torch them.
- iii. Howard Vickery and Bob Tunley have offered to move the shells from the Common to the car park area so that a scrap merchant or the Council can remove them.
- iv. We should again contact Andrew Osbourne of Torfaen concerning this problem.
- v. Fly tipped waste on Cwrt Henllys lane – Richard Ford of CCBC has contacted Terry Evans regarding this stating that the Cwrt Henllys lane is Newport jurisdiction, over the other side is Torfaen,
- vi. Terry has had a reply from Cll Keith Reynolds stating the Councils policy on waste at the recycling sites, and that we will not have any 'allowances' for dropping off our litterpick collections.

Future volunteer events and what tasks need to be done.

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 24th April 2016

5. EVENTS

Talk by Chris Barber entitled Roaming with a Camera in Gwent, held on Monday 21st March, was well attended, and we added three new members, we banked £47.00, but as Chris's fee was £60.00 there was a small loss on the night..

Good Friday Hot Cross Bun Walk (25th March)

Due to the bright Spring weather approx. 40 walkers came up from Risca, 50 from Cwmcarn, and maybe 100's individually. We distributed 120 buns, and collected approx. £70 in donations.
Sue Evans has written to our contacts in Tesco and Greggs, thanking them for their support and sending an appropriate photo of us giving out buns to people on the top.

Queens 90th Birthday Beacon (Thursday 21st April)

This is now a CTS and Risca Community council joint event, and all arrangements are being finalised. Les Murphy offered the use of Walkie-Talkie radios, and Norman Liversuch offered to speak to Gethin to see if he could offer to help.

Les Murphy agreed to hold his talk on Monday 16th May on Commons Law, Terry will assist with the visual presentation.

Rob Southall to lead a walk, 'The Lost Farms of the Rhyswg Walk' on Sunday 17th April

Further to the Tidy Tump work, Ken Young, the Stonemason, has been asked as part of his contract, to do a display of dry stone walling. We hope to be able to expand this to a CTS event..

CTS have in the past attended other events such as Risca carnival to promote our society. Sue Evans will research the dates and availability for this year.

There was an idea to re-use the Beacon for 'A Big Picnic', either on Midsummer's day, or the Solstice, (but this is all mid-week).

Midsummer is traditionally celebrated on either the 23rd or 24th of June, although the longest day actually falls on the 21st of June.. The festival is primarily a Celtic fire festival, representing the middle of summer, and the shortening of the days on their gradual march to winter.

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 had asked PC Simon James to come along to report on current policing situation, but he was unable to attend, but he did have a phone discussion. 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.

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

10. A.O.B.

TE suggested that paid-up members should be invited along to the next Trustees meeting. We have not had a Members' meeting since the AGM and it was felt we need to try and encourage more input from the wider membership and gauge if our work and decisions follow general consensus.

This motion was agreed.

Next Trustees meeting Monday 9th May 2016

Next Volunteer Day 24th April