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Trustees' Meeting Monday 2 June 2014 Cross Keys Rugby Club

Minutes

Attendance

Terry Evans (chair); Sue Evans; Andrew George; Norman Liversuch; David Parry; Rob Southall; Dave Standing; Roger Stevenson; Maggie Thomas and Howard Vickery.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Martyn Bond

2. Minutes of 12 May meeting and Matters Arising

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 12 May were agreed.
- 2.2 All of the action points had been discharged or would be dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

3. Tidy Tump

- 3.1 It was reported that:
 - 9 volunteers had attended the work day on 1 June. Tasks had included litter-picking, checking the planting and general maintenance.
 - the outstanding "snagging" requirements included:
 - o removing small areas of barbed wire close to the public gates
 - filling the central erosion area with organic material (probably in September to avoid disturbing nesting birds)
 - o replacing the original Alamo with new planting
 - HV agreed to re-locate the stock gate 50 metres to the north to avoid erosion around the kissing gate. Further planting could be undertaken in the gap.
 - TE reported progress on the interpretation boards. It was agreed to seek contributions for suitable content:
 - Roger S would contact the Gwent Ornithological Trust (and to ask them about holding an event) and the Gwent Wildlife Trust
 - NL would contact CCBC
 - DS would provide some text on history and archaeology

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- TE said that the cairn and ladder signs would arrive on 3 June. CTS could install them on the next work day.
- NL said that he had arranged to meet Dave Penberthy of Cadw to seek guidance about the proposal to erect information boards on the SAM.

4. Closure of the Scenic Drive

- 4.1 TE said that the closure would take effect from 2 November for up to four years. In discussion the following points were made:
 - CTS could seek funds to improve access to the Tump during the closure period.
 - Additional passing places would probably involve land purchase and could be expensive.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the Forest Drive to gather more information and explore how CTS might be of assistance during the closure period.

5. Events

- 5.1 DS agreed to conduct a field walk on 10 August
- 5.2 MT agreed to lead a Twm Barlwm walk
- 5.3 Risca Summer Fayre would be held on Saturday 12 July and the Victorian Fayre at 14 Locks on Sunday 14 September

6. Membership and General Involvement

6.1 It was agreed to approach Ty Sign Primary School, and possible other local Primary Schools, in September about a possible project and other activities linked to the National Curriculum. Roger S agreed to prepare a draft letter for consideration at the next meeting.

7. CTS Work Programme

7.1 SE circulated a paper containing draft priorities and objectives for CTS in 2014. It was agreed to discuss the paper further at the next meeting.

8. Finance

8.1 The current balance is £6,059 with £4,700 to be cleared, leaving a balance of £1359.

9. A.O.B

None

10. Next meeting

Monday 7 July 2014 at 7.00pm