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Trustees and Members Meeting

Monday 3rd October 2016
Cross Keys Rugby Club

MINUTES

Attendance

Terry Evans (Chair); Rob Southall; Les Murphy; Norman Liversuch; Martyn Vaughan (Treasurer), Maggie Thomas; Sue Evans (Secretary), Gethin Bowes (CCBC)

1 APOLOGIES

David Parry; Howard Vicary; Sam Southall; Alan Booth;

2. MINUTES of Trustees' Meeting held on 5 September 2016

The minutes of the meeting were agreed

Matters arising –

Ewrys gate - Rob Southall has spoken to Mark Paniers of Torfaen Council and NRW, and they have agreed to install a bike trap there.

3. CCBC/TORFAEN WORKS

Gethin Bowes reported that approximately £18,000 has been spent on the current series of works, including Bracken Spraying, Track Repairs, Block stones and walling.

Rob Southall mentioned that a lot of signage had been vandalised or taken down and not replaced. Gethin says that there will be new signage at the end of the project, so that all signage will be the same.

The 'Adventure Triangle Project' is still waiting for match funding.

In the last meeting Terry Evans reported that the new gate was still causing problems, it won't close properly due to vandalism, Norman Liversuch had already contacted Gethin who had arranged with the contractors for it to be repaired, which is due to be done early October.

Terry Evans has had an email from Jack Tension offering to pay for a new gate, which we think could be incorporated into the 'Corral' scheme. Gethin and Les Murphy will progress the idea.

Funding for 2017-18 is expected to be the same level, we'll need to identify areas we want to look at, such as access, bio-diversity projects and interpretation.

4 TRIG POINT ADOPTION SCHEME

TE presented some more design drawings and information on Trig Points.

An Oak circle infilled with floating path, enscribed with compass points.

It is the 80th Anniversary of Trig points this year, more info can be found on the OS website.

TE said he knows someone who works for the OS, one Stuart Voyle, who may be willing to provide any information about trig points and he also may be willing to give a talk.

5. TIDY TWMP

Report from Rob Southall and Terry Evans who had a meeting on 30th September with Rhianon Passmore and representatives of CCBC, Rhodri Lloyd and Lyndon Ross, Andrew Osbourne, Alvin Nicolas, Fire Service,

RS and TE were asked to lead the meeting and explain the problems encountered, ie. Fly-tipping and burnt-out cars. There were interesting comments from the Fire Service that they had only received reports of 3 incidents.

The meeting agreed that there should be better sharing of information between the parties.

There is a new 'Landscape Toolkit' launched in the Spring, which we should have a look at.

We discussed whether a webcam would be useful, possibly in the lane by the cattle grid, rather than for the open spaces, to catch a van or car fly tipping.

NL has discussed with CCBC the possibility of asking The Welsh Regiment to help fill the eroded slopes, as a training exercise – both parties agreed it was a good idea and would to explore the feasibility of this project.

Next scheduled volunteer day is 30th October 2016

6. CAMPAIGN TO SAVE CWMCARN FOREST DRIVE

Report on the Public Meeting held on 14th September.

A well attended meeting where NRW reported the progress of their felling operations. The Felling is on schedule, but may slow in the winter months, the road is damaged in places, but not as bad as feared, even so it is a huge task to reinstate the facility.

Apparently there is yet another new combined study paper being prepared, between the councils, Welsh Government et al. which we cannot be included in yet, as there will be 'sensitive information' in the early stages. They did say it may involve third parties in the consultations later.

Sally Tansey tried to be positive about the Drive, John Hawk less so. There was a representative from the Coal Regeneration Board who spoke about funding opportunities, and importance of public involvement.

Rhiannon Passmore also addressed the meeting, offering her support for the campaign and calling on all parties involved to continue to strive to the re-opening of this important local resource.

7. OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES

We have moved on with the Trig point project, and should now spend some time identifying how we may move forward with some of the other projects.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held on Monday 7th November.

9 EVENTS

We are holding the Annual Tump Quiz on November 28th at Crosskeys Rugby Club. No events are scheduled after this.

9. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCE

A full report will be available at the AGM

10. A.O.B.

None

Next Trustees meeting Monday 5th December