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Twenty First Meeting of the Trustees 7.00pm

on Monday 7th July 2014 at Crosskeys RFC

MINUTES

Attendance

Terry Evans (Chair), Sue Evans, Dave Parry, Rob Southall,

1. APOLOGIES

Andrew George, Martin Bond, Roger Stephenson, Dave Standing, Norman Liversuch, Howard Vicary

2. MINUTES OF TRUSTEES MEETING held on 2nd June and matters arising

The minutes were approved, with these points to be carried over

- a. RS was to prepare a letter to send to schools in the area, in his absence, we will forward to next meeting
- b. Point 8 in financial statement, amend figure to 'is allocated'
- c. NL has contacted CCBC re biodiversity surveys and was still awaiting a response
- d. Ongoing snagging, agreed to be done when wildlife issues resolved, as below, HV and DP

3. TIDY TWMP

TE reported on Workday held on 29th June:

a. Another poor turn out (7 of the usual attendees) despite the fact Mike West advertised it on Facebook three weeks in advance. The signs were erected on the Cairn, a litterpick, and tramping the bracken within the fences to help the hedge.

b. As previously discussed, repairs to the area around the floating path 'snagging' cannot be completed until September

c. The next volunteer day 27th July - will also coincide with a walk planned by MT - we will continue to promote both events to give people the choice

d. Signage – installation of the ladder sign – DP reported there were still delays sourcing the correct timber posts.

INTERPRETATION BOARDS (actions carried over from previous meetings)

RS to contact Gwent Ornithological Trust, and Gwent Wildlife –RS not available so carried to next meeting

NL to contact CCBC Wild life Officer – NL not available so carried to next meeting

DS to supply some text on history and archaeology - not available so carried to next meeting

NL meeting with Dave Pemberthy Re: signage on the SAM - not available so carried to next meeting

SE has contacted Margaret Iles at the Biodiversity Dept at CCBC, who has supplied a list of contacts for Wildlife surveys etc.

4. DEVELOPMENTS OF SIGNAGE ON THE ORPA

In recent weeks new sign posts have been erected on the ORPA by Torfaen CBC - TE showed the group some photos. Mike West has asked for Society support in his campaign concerning the ORPA and Torfaen. It was decided to seek a report from PC Simon James at the next meeting for the Trustees to discuss this more fully.

5. THE EFFECTS OF CCBC'S TIP CHARGING

CCBC's introduction of a new charging system at its public tip facilities was discussed. It was generally agreed that this will undoubtedly lead to an increase of fly-tipping not only on Twmbarlwm, but county-wide. DP pointed out

that because his vehicle is regarded as a commercial vehicle, he will be charged £35 to dispose of any rubbish we collect at our litter picking events. It was agreed that CTS (TE) would send a letter voicing our concerns to Lyndon Ross, Rhodri Lloyd, Ken James, and all the Councillors in our area.

EVENTS

It was agreed that the walk to the Pool of Avarice, led by Rob Southall was a wonderful 'find'. We decided to send a letter to Natural Resources Wales to make them aware of the importance of the site, the local folklore, the wildlife, and that although there are some dead and self-seeded Larch, the majority of the trees in that area are broad leaved species. We will be asking them to be especially careful of the site during their tree felling.

The following Events have been previously agreed:

- a. 12th July - society promotion stand at Risca Hoe-Down day. Due to holiday commitments there were not enough people to 'man' the stand, so it was decided not to attend.
- b. 26th July - society promotion stand at Henllys Community Fun day and we need volunteers to man the stand – need to email or Dave S
- c. 27th July – walk led by Maggie T from Risca Leisure Centre (should this be instead of or as well as Workday?) DP/RS/TE/ to arrange a workday for stonedust and barbed wire protection.
- d. 10th August – Dave Standing to lead a field study walk on Twmbarlwm - Need to check with him if he is fit enough for this.
- e. 24th August – Walk and Talk by Rob Southall
- f. 17th September Peter Brown Folklore Talk - RS to confirm that PB is still available
- g. October's talk likely to be by Rob Southall

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

July Members' meeting was cancelled, it was decided to have the August Trustees meeting as a general Open Meeting where hopefully Simon James could attend and present his Report on the ORPA.

CTS Work Programme

There were too few Trustees to handle this item, so it will appear on the Agenda for the next meeting.

FINANCE Statement of current balance. - £6,154.09. Approx £5,000 of this figure is allocated for the interpretation boards.

A.O.B. - none

Date of next meeting:

4th August 2014 at Crosskeys RFC