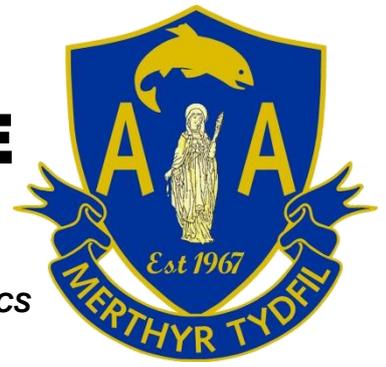


# MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE



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*Minutes of the committee meeting held at the Ex-Servicemen's club on  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019.*

## **1. Minutes of last meeting.**

1.1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as a true record.

## **2. Matters Arising.**

2.1. Rhys Evans negotiated with the tackle shop to sell annual licenses for a commission fee of £3 per permit. This fee was agreed by the committee. Rhys will continue to liaise with the tackle shop owner Steve with regards to collecting money, application forms etc.

2.2. Application forms and newsletters for 2019 have been distributed to members.

2.3. The Chairman attended the Local Access Forum at Cardiff. There were no significant discussions on any issues concerning access to inland waters which would affect the angling community.

2.4. Mr John Coombs has now been granted an SSL certificate for the website. Mr Coombs has also investigated the sale of day tickets and season permits online. Mark Sweeney also distributed a pamphlet containing information of a complete online membership package available at £1.20 per member. This will be investigated in preparation for the next meeting.

2.5. The matter of fish-eating birds was discussed. The Chairman will collate the details of fish-eating birds sighted on the Alliance's waters in order to distribute them at the next Local Fishery Group meeting.

2.6. The first Directors' meeting will be held today after this meeting closes.

2.7. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the delivery of large carp has been delayed and the order has slightly altered. Now, 5 carp of 22-25lbs will be

stocked on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January at a cost of approx. £3800. Tom Jehu to find out if this price includes VAT.

### **3. Correspondence.**

3.1. An email was received from a Rhiannon Broom regarding an incident between her and Tom Jehu on the Alliance's Facebook page. The Committee agreed that from now on, all Facebook queries should go through the Secretary. Also, the number of administrators for the Facebook page will be increased to aid the monitoring of posts. The committee also agreed that only factual information shall be published on the page, rather than individuals' personal opinions on certain issues.

3.2. A letter has been received from Vice-President Gerald Jones MP thanking the Alliance for re-electing him. Mr Jones would like to arrange a meeting and his Secretary will be contacted later in the year. A letter of thanks was also received from life member Lord Rowlands, thanking the retiring officers for their hard work over the last 52 years.

### **4. Competitions.**

4.1. None.

### **5. Any other business.**

5.1. New plastic bailiff cards were distributed.

5.2. Rubbish has been dumped by Joseph Parry's Cottages. The council will be contacted. Mr D. Sims will also try and clear some of the rubbish out tomorrow.

5.3. Mr Gavin Jehu will now take on the responsibility of stocking Cantref Reservoir.

5.4. A new weigh bag will be purchased for this year's competitions.

5.5. At the 'friends of Cyfarthfa' meeting today, a member of the public has requested to trap the crayfish present in the water. NRW licences will have to be granted for this to take place.

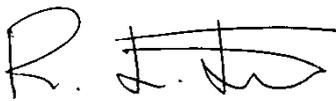
5.6. On 21<sup>st</sup> January, the Council will be cutting the weeds in the small ponds behind Cyfarthfa Castle.

5.7. The Committee agreed to make a donation to the 'friends of Cyfarthfa' group to purchase a cutlery cabinet.

5.8. It was agreed that an exchange ticket initiative for course fishing only, will be set up with a club in Caerphilly.

5.9. It was agreed that a request to sell licenses at an outlet in Caerphilly will be refused on the grounds of the distributor being located too far away to liaise with easily.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:35.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Evans', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rhys Evans