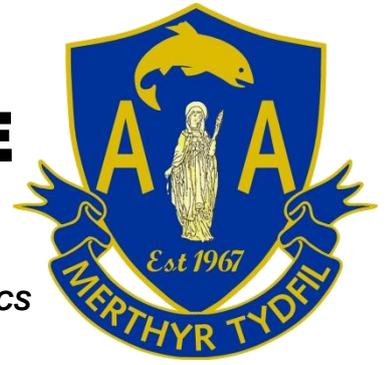




# MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE



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*Minutes of the committee meeting held at the Ex-Servicemen's Club on  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 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. As arranged, five carp weighing 22-25lbs were stocked in to Cyfarthfa Lake on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January. There has been a very positive response surrounding the stocking on social media.

2.2. Records of the fish eating birds on the Alliance's waters will continue to be collated.

2.3. The litter at Joseph Parry's cottage has been removed by MTCBC.

2.4. The representative from the company that offers an online package for distributing membership cards etc. will be contacted to rearrange a meeting.

2.5. There has been no further progress with the ponds at Hirwaun due to an investigation into pollution of a nearby river still taking place.

2.6. The intermittent discharge continues at the Morlais brook. Mr Ron Jones has investigated and believes that some waste soil dumped on the Stephen and George site is to blame. NRW are monitoring the situation.

## **3. Correspondence.**

3.1. A payment of £222.17 has been received from WUF for exchange tickets.

## **4. Competitions.**

4.1. None.

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

5.1. Mr Gary Davies gave details on the inquiry taking place in North Wales about catch and release. Mr Davies will feedback any further advancements as they occur.

5.2. Mr D. Simms asked if bait boats could be used on Cyfarthfa Lake. It was agreed that this request be denied due to the number of wildfowl inhabiting the area.

5.3. Mr John Coombs has placed the Environment Agency's online consultation form for the proposed changes to the closed season for coarse angling in England on the webpage. It is likely that NRW would implement any changes made by the EA, in to Wales. It was proposed by Mr Graham Davies, seconded by Mr John Coombs that MTAA supports to maintain the current closed season.

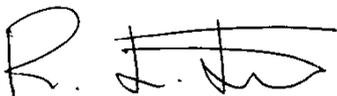
5.4. The Committee was informed of the sad passing of past Bailiff Mr Steve Lewis at the age of 49. His funeral will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

5.5. A donation will be given to Pontsticill Community Group in recognition of their continued endeavours to improve the local area.

5.6. In light of the recent stocking of specimen fish into Cyfarthfa Lake, Mr Steve Llewellyn showcased a cradle used to handle large carp. Two cradles and large landing nets will now be purchased to be used during coaching sessions and competitions.

5.7 Repair work to stop the leaks has commenced at Cyfarthfa Lake. It is estimated it will take approximately 12 weeks to complete.

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



Rhys Ellis Evans