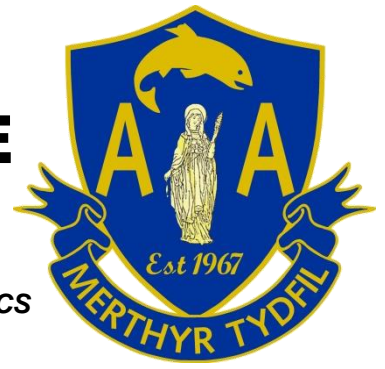


# MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE



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*Minutes of the committee meeting held at the Ex-Servicemen's Club on  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.*

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

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

## **2. Matters Arising.**

2.1. The recent pollution of the Morlais brook which was mainly caused from the groundwork on the lower site at Stephen & George has now had a silt trap and bund placed on the site in order to minimise any pollution taking place. NRW and Alliance members will continue to monitor the situation.

2.2. Mr John Coombs gave information of the fish eating birds' survey which recently took place on the River Usk as follows:

- Cormorants – 36
- Goosanders – 124
- Herons - 16

2.3. The repair works at Cyfarthfa Lake are making good progress and may be completed earlier than expected.

2.4. Mr Gary Davies has met with Tom Bradley from the planning department to discuss the upgrading of the Penywern Ponds and surrounding area. There will be further meetings to follow.

2.5. Mr Anthony Rees informed the meeting that the online banking access for the newly formed Merthyr Tydfil Angling Alliance is yet to be completed.

2.6. The purchasing of the Directors' insurance will be concluded shortly.

2.7. The rental from the Wyndham and Lewis Estate is still on going and should be concluded shortly.

2.8. The weigh bags and cradles have been purchased as previously agreed.

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Life Members: Lord Rowlands | W.G. Davies | Anthony Rees MBE | Brian D. Walkley | Graham J. Davies | Malcolm Williams*

2.9. New litter bins will be installed at Top and Middle Pond.

2.10. There has been no further correspondence received from Caerphilly Angling Association with regards to the proposed exchange ticket programme.

2.11. MTCBC has given conformation of the Association's lease of fishing rights on the old sewerage farm at Aberfan, despite contrary comments from the surrounding landowners.

2.12. Mr Gary Davies suggested that there should be a representative from the Alliance on the Brecon Beacons National Park Access Forum (countryside access). There are no vacancies at present but Mr Davies recommends an application be submitted should a vacancy arise.

2.13. A working party will convene at Cyfarthfa Lake to complete the instalment of the floating islands over the Easter holidays.

2.14. Information has been received of a discharge from an overspill pipe above Cefn Bridge from a resident abutting the Taf Fechan. Welsh water has been informed and is now undertaking an investigation to trace the source.

2.15. It is now apparent from the most recent planning map of the A465 dualling that Middle Pond may not need to be reduced in size.

### **3. Correspondence.**

3.1. A letter has been received from Mr Mark Lloyd, Chief Officer of the Angling Trust and Fish Legal, notifying of his retirement from his current role. He will now take up a new role as Chief Executive of the Rivers Trust. We wish him every success and show our appreciation for his hard work over the last 10 years.

3.2. Information was distributed on fishing rights for sale near Sennybridge – the Cwmlliw Fishery of approximately 420 yards at a guide price of £25,000.

### **4. Competitions.**

4.1. Riverside Fishery Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Dave Couzens 23lb 12oz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mark Sweeney 10lb 12oz
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Clive Jane 9lb 12oz
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Jim Howells 8lb 4oz

#### 4.2. Redhill Farm - Molly's Lake, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jason Woodford 52lb 8oz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jim Howells 52lb
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mark Sweeney 38lb 4oz
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Dave Couzens 31lb 8oz
- 5<sup>th</sup> – John Coombs 24lb 4oz

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

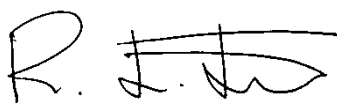
5.1. Gareth Peck, who was banned indefinitely a few years ago, has requested a rebuttal of the ban. It was agreed after deliberation that this request be denied.

5.2. It was agreed that dry suits for maintenance work on our waters will be purchased.

5.3. The small trees at both Top and Middle pond need felling in an attempt to deter members of the public gathering and fly tipping. Permission will be sought from MTCBC for this to take place.

5.4. Mr Ron Jones reported two sewerage discharges into our waters. One was below Crescent Street at Aberfan, which has now been resolved by Welsh Water. The other was on the Taf Fechan where there are allegedly around 24 misconnections in Trefechan, where leaflets informing residents are scheduled to be delivered.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:45.



Rhys Ellis Evans