



**2013/14 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
VICTORIA PARK PUB  
25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014**

Chair: Gerard Opel (Gez)

Vice Chair: Duval Ferdinand (Vice)

Events Co-ordinator & Treasurer: Dave King (Dave)

Secretary: Nigel Barry (Nige)

PR Officer: Louise Tambini (Lou)

Social Secretary: Chris Hackett (Chris)

Committee members: Hugh Kettle (Huge), Dafydd Meurig (Daf), Richard Weaver (Rich)

Social Media: Dan Allsobrook

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**1. Welcome and thanks****Chair**

Attendees (27):

Louise Tambini	Dave King	Gerard Opel	Duval Ferdinand	Nigel Barry	Sandra Ricardo	Paul Barrett	Hugh Kettle	Rhys Hatton
Sharon Latham	Dave Harmer	Chris Hackett	Adrian Burton	Richard Weaver	Dan Smith	Dafydd Meurig	Sarah Owen	Lynne Williams
Sue Thomas	Marion Leaves	Jean	Tony Akhurst	Anthony Wilby	Paulus	Glynis King	Paulette Evans	Matthew Witty

**2. Apologies****Chair**

- None

**3. Agree minutes of last AGM****Chair**

- Gez briefly reviewed the minutes from the last AGM which were agreed and seconded.

**4. Last years' achievements - "Ask the audience"****Secretary**

As part of a new initiative, the audience was asked for their thoughts on the best events of last year.

- The best events were identified as Pentwyn Leisure; Sirhowy valley and the Doctor Who centre. Other events mentioned were the Oktober Beer fest and Partnership events.
- Being financially sound with self-funding recycling of scrap metal led by Pikey Dave.
- Our improved relationship with the boys in blue (Police - PCSO's)
- The Christmas Santa event at the Park plaza event was brilliant and hospitality provided was excellent.
- From a technology perspective, our blog was integrated with the new web site that was launched, new Facebook page and CRG Email addresses were created giving us a more professional look.

As the audience were rubbish at this game and struggling to remember any events after only one beer, in preparation for this moment, the committee had come up with their own top 13 notable achievements. Luckily, the audience had managed to get a few correct. The others included:-

- i. Improved range of merchandise; Hoodies, Hi vis jackets, Short sleeved (Darts) shirt as well as last year's tee-shirts.
- ii. £1000 BT award to keep the truck on the road
- iii. 3 weekly events
- iv. Faendre Reen, St Mellons - a paid activity by the Housing Association, Riverside Markets social enterprise
- v. Returning mobiles to their rightful owners; first was the iPhone5 and more recently, a Nokia mobile.
- vi. Volunteers securing jobs e.g. Anthony's achievements; passed his test, Morrisons job, own van, Gardening and small removals entrepreneur.
- vii. Truck and trailer increasingly seen as a community asset - supporting several other organisations in exchange for cash or scrap
- viii. Truck branding
- ix. Dave being stopped by the police and Natural Resource Wales

## **5. Last years' stats**

### **Event Co-ordinator**

- 19 events were run on Cardiff Rivers and had a few trips out of Cardiff, including 2 balsam pulling events.
- 583 bags of rubbish and 16 bags of recycling were collected
- 2.54 tonnes of scrap metal was collected and recycled.
- 283 CRG volunteers took part in events 2013-14.
- 39 volunteers from other groups
- In total, 599 hours were spent volunteering on events
- Larger items found included: 19 trolleys, 59 tyres, 16 cones, 8 bikes, 1 motor bike, carpets, lorry and tractor tyres, road barriers and a sofa.

## 6. Financial Report

Treasurer

- Dave walked the audience through the CRG finances over the past year.

### Income and Expenditure Account 2013/14

Income		£	£
CRG:	Scrap Events	495.24	
	Donations Scrap	3132.80	
	Donations Cash	1030.86	
	Grants	0.00	
	Awards	0.00	
	Bank Interest	5.15	
	T-shirts/Hoodies	326.53	
	Misc	406.66	5397.24
KWT:	Scrap	33.00	
	Transfer	-33.00	0
A Wilby:	Scrap	29.50	
	Transfer	-29.50	0
Total			5397.24

## Expenditure

Tools		<b>-£320.25</b>
Truck		<b>-£2,026.66</b>
Raft		<b>£0.00</b>
Insurance	<b>-£50.00</b>	
Donation to KWT	<b>-£50.00</b>	
T-shirts/Hoodies	<b>-£943.24</b>	
Ebay/PayPal	<b>-£6.60</b>	
Misc		<b>-£767.69</b>
Total		<b>-£4,164.44</b>
Cash Surplus for Year	<b>£1,232.80</b>	
Plus known income owed		
One Hoodie	<b>£24.57</b>	
Scrap from 29th June	<b>£57.00</b>	
Less known expenditure outstanding		
N/A		<b>£0.00</b>
Less income relating to previous year		
T-shirts		<b>-£35.00</b>
Plus expenditure relating to previous year		
T-shirts		<b>£628.68</b>
Total Surplus for year	<b><u>£1,908.05</u></b>	

## 2013/14 CASHFLOW STATEMENT

	Cash	Bank	Total
1 July 2013 Opening Balances	191.85	5034.07	5225.92
Income	1203.63	4193.61	5397.24
Expenditure	-1340.06	-2824.38	-4164.44
30 June 2014 Closing Balances	55.42	6403.3	6458.72
	55.42	6817.87	6873.29
	0.00	414.57 cheque not presented	
Difference over previous year	<u>-136.43</u>	<u>1369.23</u>	<u>1232.8</u>

## 7. Publicity/Volunteers

### PR Officer

- The CRG volunteer database now contains the contact details of over 325 members!
- Remarkably, there are about the same twitter followers (324) and this year, there has been considerable activity including live tweets and re-tweets.
- Lou suggested closing the Facebook Group page for input as it was confusing having two CRG FB pages.
- New business cards have been purchased and are available to give to interested passers-by.
- The press have been in contact with Dave and asked for a quote on River related stories which shows that the group is getting formal recognition.
- There has been an increase in the number of companies wanting the CRG to run employee events. It was suggested that companies are welcome to join in existing weekend events for free.

## 8. Social Events – Past and Future

### Social Secretary

- It was noted by Chris that he was not worthy to sit at the top table ;-)
- During the Oktober beer fest, but a freak occurrence, Chris ended up with two entries and came both 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. With only a few months to go to the next beer fest, Chris advised everyone to get brewing.
- Chris thanked Rich for bringing along the student contingent which made the competition more interesting.
- Chris mentioned that the Christmas curry night in Christmas jumpers was a great success with an excellent turnout.
- One of Chris' highlights was the Santa event with the great hospitality provided by the Park Plaza.
- Chris has been working on an application for the Queens award for Voluntary Service. Sponsorship had been secured by 3 leading figures. If successful, there will be an invitation to Buckingham palace, a piece of glass and a crown symbol on the truck (Dave has saved a space in readiness).
- Chris also suggested a few new challenges abroad such as the Congo and Amsterdam.
- Nige raised a question on the Flat Holm trip viability as it had come up recently at a committee meeting. Issues such as Seagulls vomiting on people during the nesting season, island ownership and boat availability had caused significant barriers to arranging a successful event.

## 9. Future River Clean Events

### Event Co-ordinator

- Dates/events agreed for the coming months. These will be refined over the next few weeks.

Saturday	09/08	10:00	Hailey Park
Saturday	30/08	12:00	Hendre Lake Park, St Mellons
Sunday	21/09	TBA	Merthyr Mawr? Tide times to be checked.
Friday	17/10	19:30	Frequent Oktober Fancy Fest (F OFF) @ Llandaff Rugby club

- The Hendre Lake event clashes with a St Mellons event so may have to be re-arranged as we want it to be a joint event.

- Dave mentioned the Park Rangers request to clear reeds that were out of control in Thompson Park.
- At Christmas we need to find a suitable location for a repeat of the Santa event.
- Lord Mayor (Dave Harmer) suggested doing an event in Newport on the River Usk to coincide with the NATO conference. This needs further investigation as the Americans want to close the M4 during the event!
- KWT are sponsoring the World Alternative Games and have an event called the Tidy Triathlon on Friday the 22/08 in Llanwrtyd Wells. 2 CRG teams of 3 will take part and the entry fee is £25 per team. The triathlon consists of pushing a lorry tyre, hooking a trolley and a blindfolded hoopla event. It was suggested that we make a night of it, get out as many people as possible to be observers if there are too many people for the 6 places in the teams.

#### **10. Election and de-selection of Committee Secretary**

- After 4 years as Chair, Gez decided to stand down but still wants to remain on the committee.
- The audience was asked if anyone fancied joining the committee. Sarah Owen and Matt Witty offered their services and were seconded.
- No one volunteered to be the Chair so Vice (Duval), offered to fill the role and was promoted into the Chair role. It's going to take ages to stop calling him Vice!
- The role of Vice Chair was then offered and both Huge and Matt were interested and will both be Vice Chairs.

#### **11. Any Other Business Chairman**

- Paulus suggested having a Donation button on the web site for anyone that wanted to donate to the Cardiff Rivers group. Dave said he'd follow this up.
- Chris mentioned sharing the arrangement of the event organisation between the committee members as from the recent Sirhowy event, he could see that it would be advantageous. Nige mentioned a new initiative he was planning to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the committee. This will help to identify those jobs that need doing for each event that we set-up.
- Hugh brought up a fund raising idea being run at BT. Their donation would be kit rather than money and could be worth ~£200 per year!
- His majesty the Lord Mayor raised taking cutters into the water to cut off wire and such like which can sometimes slow down the removal. Dave mentioned that we have bolt cutters available if required. To be investigated further.
- Daf insisted that Dave told the story of when he was stopped by Natural Resources Wales. Dave gladly recalled the story for the audience.

#### **12. Thank You: Chairman**

- Gez for his steering of the committee over the past 4 years and we look forward to his continued support especially on the Oktober fest.
- The Victoria Park pub for allowing us to use their facilities for free. Everyone agreed that it was a great venue for the meeting.
- Duval for arranging the use of the Victoria Park pub for the AGM.
- Sandra for suggesting free beer rather than food (if I'd said it, Dave would have rejected the idea ☺).

- Tony for securing a £100 donation from Arriva Trains Wales, well done that man.
- Dave for arranging and recycling tonnes of scrap metal he has collected from the IPO.
- Dan for his support on the transition to a new web site and integrated blog.
- The 350 volunteers that support this community organisation.
- Cardiff Parks Services for their assistance on events collecting and disposing of the rubbish.
- European Metal Recycling for their help and support.
- Pontcanna allotments letting us keep our container on their ground.
- KWT for their ongoing support.
- Autocare (Grangetown) for their scrap.
- Families and especially spouses of the volunteers for their support in letting us do what we do best.
- Finally, thanks everyone who turned up for the most successful AGM ever. As Kipling once said “it was an exceedingly good meeting”.

### 13. TAFFTA awards

### PR Officer and Chairman

Unfortunately, it was not possible for every person in the audience to get an award. Apologies to those people that didn't get one. There were a mixture of fun and serious awards, below is a summary of the awards:-

	<b>TAFFTA award description</b>
<b>Volunteers:</b> Adrian	Most prolific Facebooker in size 10 waders
Pol	Special medal for putting up with Nige
Anthony	Best personal development
Sharon	Special medal for putting up with Gez
Tony	Winner of the Christmas quiz
Lynne	Cheeriest person
Lord Mayor	Earliest attendance of one with an honourable title
Matthew	For not punching the brats from St Mellons
Sara	Most interest shown in committee meeting minutes
Alison Morse	Best find of the year
Sue	Best attendance of the year
Dan	Lord Mayors Special Award
Paul	Best spy in the middle east
Paulus	Losing their waders virginity
Dan	Best Webmaster for a seamless transfer to pastures new
<b>Committee:</b> Rich	Top shagger with an axe
Nige	Best non-porno use of a sausage
Duval	Most technologically enabled committee member at meetings
Lou	Best attendance whilst still pissed from the night before
Dave	Pikey of the year weighing in with 18 tonnes of scrap
Daf	Ducked most events
Gez	Missed the most safety briefs
Chris	Best costume of the year
Huge	Fastest loss of expensive kit
Rhys	Fastest entry to and exit from the committee