

South Wales **Outdoor Activity Providers** Group

Minutes of Group Meeting

29th November, 2010 at Garwnant Visitor Centre at 6.30pm

In Attendance

Ade Thomas – ADE	Jethro Moore – Adventure Beyond
Adrian Thomas – Outposts Ltd.	Jon Pilling – Royal Air Force
Andrew McCarthay – Dolygaer OEC	Juliet Parker-Smith – Trewern OEC
Andy Meek – Storey Arms OEC	Lee Renney – Rhondda Cynon Taff
Anthony Hughes – Swansea Watersports	Mark Soanes – Call of the Wild
Arwel Hughes – Antur Ltd.	Martin Skinner – Pendarren House OEC
Ben Scholes – Rhondda Cynon Taff	Martyn Farr - Farrworld
Bill Beynon – Trinity St. Davids University	Matt Woodfield - Freelance
Carl Durham – Black Mountain Activities	Michael Downey – Life Changing Activities
Ceri Davies – Swansea Watersports	Nathan Lewis – Swansea Youth Centre
Charlie Hammond – Coleg Sir Gar	Pat Horgan - Landowner
Cheri-Lee Birch – Fairbridge De Cymru	Paul Dann – FCW
Claire Davies – Swansea Watersports	Piutr Gudan - PGL
Dai Howells – Adventure Beyond	Roger Lee – Hampshire Mountain Centre
Dave Phillips – Swansea Youth Service	Ryan Stamp – Cardiff Outdoor Activities Team
David Windebank – Coleg Gwent	Sean Taylor – Hereford Council
Gareth Jones – WECTH	Seb Thomas – Adventure Beyond
Gary Evans – Hawk Associates	Simon Dye – PGL
Gerwyn James – MOD (DELMs OPS Brecon)	Steve Porter – Breakout
Gez Richards – BBNPA	Tom Partridge – Rhondda Cynon Taff
Glynn Lewis – Coleg Gwent	Tony Rees – Gower Activity Centres
Graham Harvey – Trinity St. Davids University	Will May – Hampshire Mountain Centre
Jeff Calligan – Mountain & River Activities	

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened by Andy Meek, SWOAPG Chairman, thanking everyone for attending. This is the first SWOAPG Full Group meeting with the new Steering Group in place. Whilst the Agenda does include Dinas again, it is important to remember that the Group is not here solely to discuss issues there and it will be important at this and future meetings to discuss wider issues. The Chairman welcomed DC Gareth Jones and Patrick Horgan as guests to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Adrian Herald – Adrenaline Buzz	Kevin Walker – Mountain Activities
Andy Cummings – Manzoku	Lee Garbett – Quest Adventures
Andy Lamb – Wales Outdoors	Nigel Flude – Links College
Anna Stickland – Absolute Adventure	Pam Bell – Mountain & Water
Bob Keep – Caerphilly CBC / Ynys Hywel	Paul Donovan – Adventure Works
Chris Pierce – Woodlands OEC	Pete Blackburn – Plas Pencelli OEC
Fred Wright – Interactivities	Richard Tyler – BBNPA
Helen Pye – BBNPA	Ross Evans – RCT Outdoors
Jo Ricketts – Coleg Powys Brecon	Steffan Davies – Sbri Cymru

John Macleod HF Holidays
Keith Lee – Bikes and Hikes
Kevin Jackson – Kilvrough Manor OEC

Steve Rayner – Scout Association
Victoria Phillips – Mountain Mayhem

3. Guest Speaker – DC Gareth Jones, speaking about Counter Terrorism

DC Jones explained that he was a part of WECTU (Welsh Extremism and Counter Terrorism Unit). Historically, Counter Terrorism was undertaken by Special Branch, but there is now an overall Unit for Wales focussing on this. WECTU came into being about 5 years ago via a slow process. This evening's talk is an awareness brief and a snapshot into what is happening and what we can do to help. DC Jones explained that he was happy to come to any future training sessions for individual organisations to give the full one hour presentation.

Following an outline of some of the current workstreams, DC Jones explained that If anyone has any concerns in relation to this matter, contact your local Police Officer or Station or contact DC Gareth Jones direct. It is also OK to use any local or national Police contact number.

DC Gareth Jones can be contacted at :

Telephone : 01348 871968 ext49107

Mobile : 07971 962798

E-mail : Gareth.h.jones@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk

4. Update on Membership and SWOAPG Progress

Gary Presented the following summary.

SWOAPG Membership

Level 1 Members – 9

Level 2 Members – 56

Level 3 Members – 56

Not Joined Yet – 24

Associate Members – 5

Observers – 15

Total – 165

Finalised Area of Operation for SWOAPG



Actions from July Meeting

1. Run further Code of Conduct Training Sessions
4 more sessions were run. More will take place in 2011
2. Appoint Coordinator
Gary Evans appointed for one year to September 30th 2011
3. Monitor impact on Sychryd Gorge
BBNPA and CCW are looking at a means of undertaking monitoring and reporting on progress. Early indications are that we have made a good start
4. Include Environmental Charter in SWOAPG
Jethro Moore is leading on this and will discuss it later in the meeting
5. Associate Membership
Associate Membership mechanism agreed. BBNPA, CCW and FCW have all joined as Associate members and AALA have joined as an Observer
6. Arrange Second Meeting
We're having it !

Key SWOAPG Actions to Date

- Group Membership
A large amount of time has been put in to this. Gary thanked the members of the Steering Group for helping with this task. There are still 24 organisations left to encourage to join. They have all been contacted and none have said no – just needs a final prompt for the forms.
- Steering Group Meeting
First Steering Group meeting held in September and a clear set of actions were drawn up to take the Group forward positively and to get involved in appropriate initiatives
- Code of Conduct Guidance Notes and Map Reprint
Guidance notes are being drawn up to help members with Staff training and the Map is being reprinted next year. The working party for this includes 3 of the Steering Group members and they hope to have the Guidance Notes ready for January.
- Sychryd Access Points Review
Meetings were held with Paul Dann, FCW to discuss the Gabions that will be added at the Access Point at the second Sychryd Bridge remains and also an approach was discussed on how to stop further degradation at the Roots climb beyond Ivy Pool and to then stabilise this route. FCW are looking at costs and timings and may well ask us to help with material movement.

- **Valleys Regional Park (VRP)**
A large initiative taking place in the valleys from Newport to Kidwelly to coordinate, drive and promote activities related to the environment and heritage and associated tourism activities across the valleys of South Wales, to change the reality and perceptions of the Valleys as a highly desirable place to live, work and visit.
Gary and Mark Soanes attended the last VRP meeting and it was clear that there will be opportunities to get involved with marketing, local initiatives and access improvements through this project.
Further details at <http://www.thevalleys.org.uk/>
- **BBNPA Clusters**
Gary and Tom Partridge attend an event in Brecon, meeting with the other Brecon Beacons Clusters working with BBNPA through Collabora8. Areas of common interest were sought and the Tourism Structures within Wales were described. With Collabora8 funding ending in 2012, which would have an impact on SWOAPG Coordinator funding, the INTERREG EU Funding project was outlined, which may give us opportunities for projects and funding for the future.
- **Wales Activity Tourism Organisation (WATO) Representation**
Our representation to WATO has continued, working collaboratively with Punch Maughan, Director of BBT, to represent our South Wales area. At present, WATO is looking at it's role going forward to enable it to represent the needs of it's members to Visit Wales and to ensure the best and most representative Tourism Marketing possible.
- **Review of BBNPA Waterfalls Area Management Plan**
The SWOAPG Steering Group have provided feedback on the Draft Plan and will provide a link to this 239 page document when it is complete. It does have some very interesting and useful information contained within it.

Planned SWOAPG Actions

- **Remaining Providers to Join**
We will continue to work to get all local Providers on-board and will bring in new members as we are approached by them or become aware of them
- **Complete SWOAPG Terms of Reference**
This important document needs to be completed to formalise our arrangements with Brecon Beacons Tourism and Collabora8, as well as defining our Aims and Structure. Gary apologised for not having being able to fit this into the workload yet.
- **Dinas Access Issues**
We will be discussing this later in the meeting and will continue to take it forward
- **Llangattock Access**
We have been asked to get involved with this ongoing, not that there is an issue at present, but to be involved as access discussions go forward for this site.

- Mellte Survey for Gorge Walking
CCW have indicated that they are likely to survey the Mellte in 2011 to look at the impact of Gorge Walking and to define the condition of the river in terms of Plants and Wildlife there. We will remain closely involved throughout.
- Code of Conduct 2012
As previously indicated, Guidance notes and a Revised map are in progress for the Sychryd Gorge
- Website Development
Gary thanked Ben Scholes for the voluntary work he has done on this and explained that we will be seeking funding for a more detailed website over the coming weeks

Update on SPLASH by Gez Richards, BBNPA

Gez introduced himself and explained that he took the SPLASH Officer's role this year. There have been a lot of obstacles, but he has pushed on to seek improved access for Canoeing and Kayaking and Water Based pastimes in the Brecon Beacons National Park. Initiatives that Gez has been working on :

- Taster event ran for a week in October, particularly for locals
- River Clean-up on the Usk
- Boating for Wildlife campaign
- Provided funding for Code of Conduct work
- Improving water access for all (centres, clubs, individuals and families). Working on a Canoeing trail around Brecon area, but it may end up as a canal route only.
- Wye and Usk foundation have blocked progress on improved access to the Wye and the Usk. However, Gez has helped to improve existing access at Talybont and Sennybridge and is hopeful for a couple of new access points.
- Reservoirs Access. This has become more and more difficult over time. There have been High Level meetings recently with Welsh Water to try to improve matters. No breakthroughs yet, but perhaps a step on the way. Welsh Water would welcome requests from Providers for 'well managed and well organised recreation'. Gez has been trying to set up a system where licensed providers can get access, but has not achieved this yet. Any information on progress will be distributed via the Coordinator
- The sustainability Committee recommended that where there was public ownership of rivers, they should facilitate access to those rivers. Gez has tried for improved access to the Mellte. Although this is a more specialised Kayaking venue, he does hope to get some agreement to access.
- Gez has been considering whether there should be a generic Code of Conduct for water access
- There is a new Water recreation website for the BBNPA now live at <http://www.breconbeacons.org/splash>

Gez can be contacted at gez@breconbeacons.org

Consultation for the 'code of conduct' for water access is at <http://www.ccw.gov.uk/about-ccw/consultations/water-related-recreation.aspx>

Gez then asked if there were any questions.

Question 1 : Where do you see SWOAPG supporting access to water for activities ?

Answer : 'The more support the better, or I am a lone voice. Will use SWOAPG for support'.

Question 2 : Can the WCA Agreement be resurrected ?

Answer : Gez didn't want to comment on this, but stated that he is going to meet Tawe representatives this week. He also pointed out that he doesn't have authority to negotiate access for BBNPA.

Question 3 : Can we adopt a stretch of the Tawe ?

Answer : Gez offered to put this to the Secretary of the Upper Tawe Anglers Association

Question 4 : Would it be useful to get a member of the Anglers for future meetings ?

Answer : Andy Meek responded with 'maybe in the future'.

5. Environmental Charter – Progress

Jethro Moore explained that he will take this forward as he has experience of the Pembrokeshire Group Environmental Charter. He has found that this can help with access, it's good fun and helps centres with materials to deliver sessions.

Jet had looked and is considering :

- The old Brecon Beacons Environmental Charter leaflet
- Pembrokeshire Charter and their ideas
- Sea Kayaking Code of Conduct
- Clean-ups
- Talks from Geologists
- A laminated booklet on wildlife to take on activity sessions

A discussion followed on how to proceed and it was agreed that Gary will e-mail the SWOAPG members for the input, using a draft Charter as the starting point and asking for input on initiatives to support the Charter. All responses would be passed to Jet for collation and planning.

Quick suggestions from the floor were local clean-ups, especially focussing on sites like the Mellte and Gower.

6. Gorge Walking at Dinas

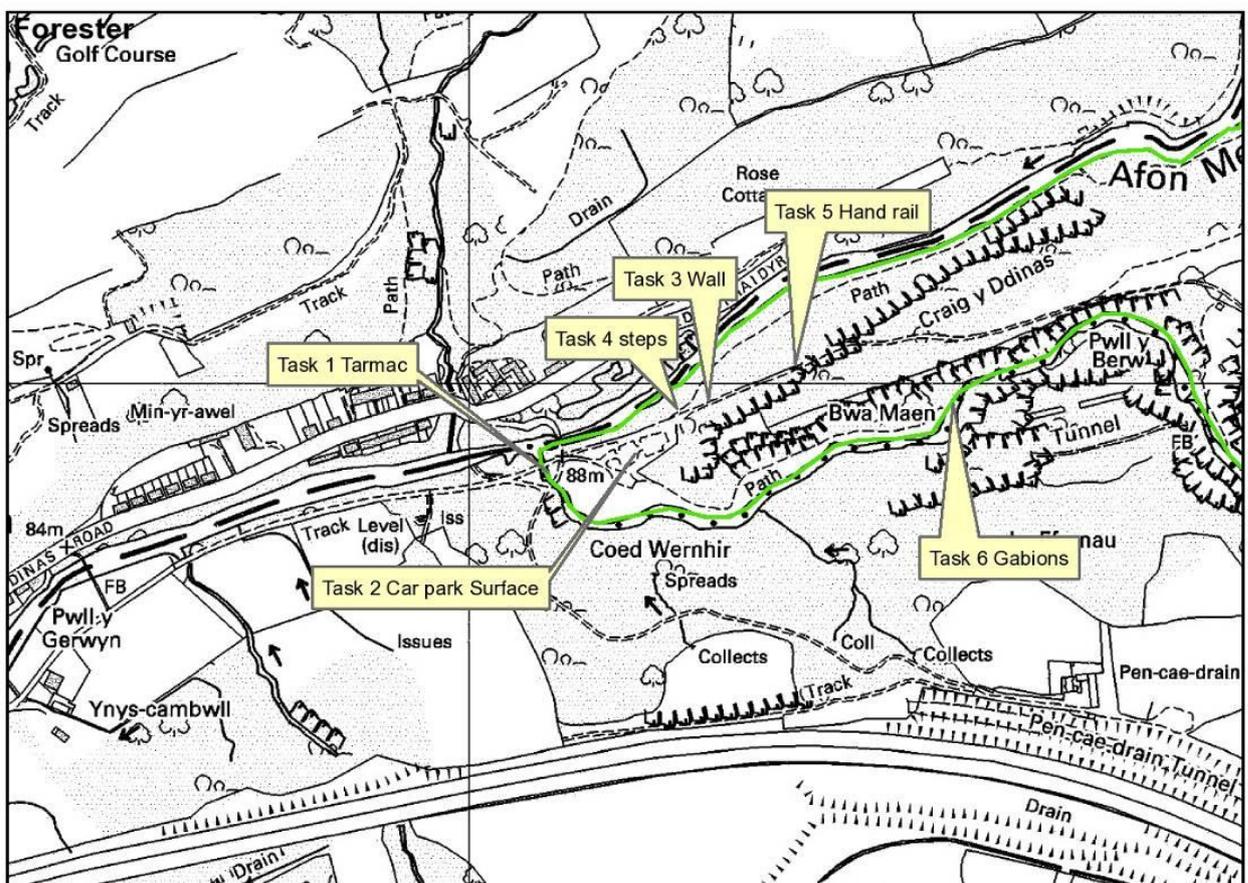
6a. Code of Conduct revisions

Gary reminded the meeting that it is important for all member organisations to cascade Code of Conduct training to their staff and if they see people not following the Code, then ask them if they are aware of it. Details of planned revisions were explained earlier in the meetings.

6b. FCW Planned Works for Gorge and Car Park

Paul Dann described planned works and explained that VRP funding required this to be undertaken before March 2011. The works planned are as follows :

1. Tarmac entrance - Over lay whole bell mouth with tarmac and tie into highway and concrete pad
2. Car park Surface - Remove turf and vegetation and reshape car park edges so bays are squared off and clean off edge of car park next to drains. Reshape and grade the surface to allow water to enter existing drains adding approx. 40 tonnes of stone
3. Rebuild stone retaining wall - Rebuild collapsed wall approx 4m in length, recovering and using as much existing material as possible.
4. Steps - Construct 6 stone steps
5. Install handrail - Install a fast clamp handrail or similar (approved by FC) installed on the right hand side of the path next to the cliff, 40m in length
6. Gabions - Remove existing large stones and replace with 8 filled gabion baskets for outdoor providers to use as a staircase



6c. Discussion on design and location of proposed changing areas.

Paul explained that FCW are planning to install Changing areas near the car park and that he was looking for input on their design. He explained that the budget was about £2000.

The ensuing discussion took a somewhat circular route, in summary :

Privacy

- Height important due to problems of being overlooked by Climbers
- A simple structure should be fine for privacy – it works at PYO

Location

- Meeting split half and half as to whether the 'Green Dell' was the best venue. Some thought it ideal, others thought groups would be out of sight and there was a likelihood of it getting burnt down. Bulldozing the lip to the Dell would improve visibility into the area, but would be a lot of work
- Strategic positioning important

Construction

- Flooring best as matting with holes in for cleanliness and drainage.
- No roof possible because of planning issues – getting BBNPA to agree to planning if a roof included would prove problematic
- Walled Structure, with perhaps angled upper section for improved privacy
- Planting trees in it or using living structure (e.g. Willow) was a popular idea.
- Natural looking as possible – natural screening rather than just boards or planks
- Steel Shipping Container suggested as it's not a permanent building. Issues of cleanliness, security and getting it there were put forward
- Need a Ladies and a Gents

Issues

- Vandalism
- Keeping it clean
- Screens in the Green Dell could not have an open back, or people changing could be seen from the Gorge as groups pass by

Paul agreed to come up with a couple of suggested approaches based on this discussion and then consult with SWOAPG members to find the best way forward.

6d. Concordat Status

Gary showed the meeting the Concordat that has now been signed by SWOAPG and FCW and covers all members of SWOAPG that have signed up. Gary will be writing to Paul Dann at FCW shortly with a list of members who have signed-up to the Concordat.

7. Conversion of Local Building for Outdoor Provider use.

Patrick Horgan, a local Landowner gave a short presentation asking for help to enable him to make decisions about how to best utilise a building on his land.

The building is the old Nomads Sea Anglers Club, at the roadside West of the Angel Inn. This is exactly one mile from the Dinas car park. The building is single storey and around 100m². He has a proposed conversion plan for changing facilities as follows :

- Male changing for 15 to 20 people with Showers and Toilets
- Female changing for 6 to 8 people with Showers and Toilets
- Briefing Room
- Kitchen Area

Patrick wanted answers to the following questions :

1. Are facilities required
2. Would you use it
3. If yes, what numbers could pass through during the year
4. What would be an acceptable fee
5. Would it be sustainable

The following points were made :

- A Bunkhouse would attract more users than the existing suggested set-up. Patrick responded by explaining that this would cause problems as a Bunkhouse would result in a 'change of use' being necessary for planning.
- If serving refreshments, it would be a more attractive proposition
- Many Centres would find it hard to use as they would want to get their groups back to base to change and shower. However, providers with no Centre would find it more useful.
- Showers could be charged for
- Would it be open to all-comers or would a booking system be employed. Patrick indicated that he was thinking of using a Booking system.
- One of the main issues is parking, so it was suggested that Providers park at the facility and then a Park and Ride system in place to get groups to and from the Gorge
- Car parking spaces present no problems as the car park could be large
- As the property is in Neath and Port Talbot, this would make planning permission much easier than if it was in the National Park. Paul Dann recommended that Patrick discuss possibilities with the Planning Dept. at Neath Port Talbot.
- Additional changing areas could be added outside the building for those that just want to park and ride.

Gary agreed to write these notes up and work with Patrick to produce a short questionnaire for members to respond to to help Patrick move forward,

8. Foundation Degree at Trinity St. David's University

Graham Harvey explained that Trinity St. David's University will be looking at setting up a Foundation Degree in Outdoor Education and is keen to ensure that it meets the needs of local Employers. Students being attracted to it would be good academically and vocationally and the aim would be for it to start in 2012 for those leaving School in that year.

One of the aims would be to forge a scheme to develop a workforce for the future for our area. Graham will keep us updated on developments for this initiative. He is keen that this works for us as Employers.

Any questions or input on this can be sent directly to Graham at :

G.Harvey@trinity-cm.ac.uk

8. Access Issues at Dinas

Gary set the scene by explaining that once again this year, there has been a lot of dissatisfaction and complaint from the local Community at Dinas in terms of the impact we as Outdoor Activity Providers are having on them. We have been discussing what to do about it for 3 years now without improving the situation, so we must now make some progress.

Dinas Issues from Waterfalls Seminars 2009 & 2010

- **Parking & Traffic**
 - Insufficient spaces in main car park
 - Parking in residents spaces
 - Insensitive use of areas outside car park
 - Traffic flow and bus loads
 - Parking on double yellow lines
- **Changing**
 - No changing facilities
 - Changing in front of residents when car park full
- **Toilets**
 - No toilet facilities at Dinas
- **Other**
 - No financial benefit from visitors to community
 - Noise and language
 - Minimal use of local facilities
 - Site overused in terms of capacity per day
 - Litter
 - Security

Key Suggested Actions from Waterfalls Seminar

- Changing Screens at Main Car Park
- Change layout of Main Car Park to park more vehicles
- Use Community Centre Car Park as overflow
- Increased opening times of Community Centre to use toilets and Café
- Park and Ride for Weekends in July & August each year
- Funding for facilities or Charging (provided there are benefits to paying for parking)
- Regular communication between Community and Providers
- Working Group
- Provider agreement on not parking in village when car parks are full
- Provider agreement to using the area with respect for the Community

Gary explained that Paul Dann has been working to find out how much the Village Hall Committee want to get involved in solutions to the problems on behalf of the local Community. At this stage, all they are able to offer is use of the Village Hall as follows

- Hall can be hired for £10 per hour
- Packed Lunches £4.50 each
- Hall car park can be used if hall booked

Book with :

Dilys Jenkins – 01639 721057

Lynette – 01639 721498

Gary had used the Hall a couple of times this year, very successfully, so it was worth considering, especially as it solves parking problems for you when you book. The Hall has a large meeting/dining/activity room, a Kitchen with a small Dining space, Gents and Ladies Toilets and Showers, though the Shower facilities are limited.

In order to make some progress, we will be undertaking the following steps with the aim of producing a set of Guidelines for Providers to help alleviate the problems.

Process for Provider Agreement

1. Consolidate previous work
2. Gain agreement for Actions in Sub Groups at SWOAPG Meeting
3. Produce Draft Guidelines
4. Consult all SWOAPG Members
5. Finalise Guidelines and Publish

The meeting then split into 4 groups to consider the issues, each with a Facilitator and Flip Chart. Participants were asked to make only suggestions that they would be happy to work with going forward. Outputs were as follows.

Groups 1 and 2 – Parking Traffic and Changing

- Arrange a meeting place for Gorge Clients outside Dinas Car Park – e.g. Pat Horgan Property. Consider cost, security, seasonal only. Then Park & Ride or Car Share
- Facilitate use of Village Hall car park - book parking online via SWOAPG Website. Payment to group passed on to Hall and change in Hall
- Providers are responsible for their Group and where they change
- Bullet Pointed Awareness sign
- Happy to pay to park to avoid parking in Village
- Daily Maximum Numbers (40 per Organisation) in Gorge
- Encourage Clients to Car Share from their point of departure
- Limit on vehicles per Organisation
- No changing in Residential area
- Support 'Nomad' proposal
- Rubbish Bin (who would empty it)
- Briefing Groups properly to reduce/prevent numbers of 'pants on trees'

Group 3 and 4 – Other Issues

- Acceptable behaviour contract for Groups
- Other venues and activities – choose when planning or selling, with care (sustainability)
- Make use of Village Hall
- Arrange clean up sessions regularly and Providers clean up at every visit
- Consider no more than 2 Groups per Organisation per half day – no more than 2 Groups in the Gorge at a time per Organisation – Sustainable use.
- Increase Police patrolling for Security in less busy time periods
- Use other car parks for some activities
- Pay for Parking to get a 'Warden'
- Get Village Hall working with Patrick Horgan to provide approach that benefits Community as well as an individual
- SWOAPG to discuss with local representatives to discuss financial opportunities

- Fix pressure problems on Community and there will be less concern about the lack of Financial Benefit
- Donation box based on level of usage – Discretionary, consider Mandatory
- Providing a service of benefit – Security, Refreshments, Changing, Opening Hours, More Commercial
- Awareness of Hire Fees / Availability
- Litter – Funding for Bins, Bin Bags, Interpretation, Nomads Scheme, Contribution
- Leave no Footprint
- Capacity – Self Limit

Andy Meek summarised and explained the need to take this forward and make a difference. The Steering Group will now take these Outputs and produce a First Draft set of Guidelines for distribution.

12. What Should SWOAPG concentrate on going forward

The following were suggested :

1. CPD for Instructors and Staff
2. Access Issues – e.g. River Taff Lower end
3. Safety of the Pools. Circulate annual OPC Pool Inspections to all.
4. Water Quality in the Gorge.

With regard to Point 4, Tom Partridge explained that this information was available from the Environment Agency and subsequently provided the following information :

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/riverlevels/120503.aspx>

A link to a live river level indicator. It shows current, recent and highest flows in many of the rivers we will use as providers, including the Mellte, so all people have to do is calibrate this to their needs and then they will have up to date info before setting off, as the system seems to update at 9am.

<http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?latest=true&topic=riverquality&ep=query&lang=e&x=291139.9166666667&y=207860.7916666666&scale=4&layerGroups=2&queryWindowWidth=25&queryWindowHeight=25>

This is the exact link to the data recorded on the water quality of the Sychryd. It looks like it was last updated in 2009 so pretty current. Obviously you can also get data on all the other rivers too by using a postcode or search on this section

<http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?ep=maptopics&lang=e>
This is the main link to the "What's in my back yard" section on the web site. Just type in your postcode or search the map for all sorts of info including all the river quality info and bathing water (beaches) info too

12. Proposed Merthyr Tydfil Outdoor Expo.

Gary explained that we have been asked to comment on proposed plans for an Outdoor Expo event at Merthyr. Details being put forward are :

Merthyr Tydfil Outdoor Expo

- Aim – to develop and market activity tourism in Merthyr and the Valleys
- Proposed Sep/Oct 2011 or Mar/Apr 2012
- 3 Day Event
- Venue – Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Centre
- Variety of types of Organisations
- Wide range of Activities represented
- Aiming for 8000 Adults and 2000 Children over 3 Days with Entrance fee of £8 and £3

Costs to Exhibitors for a 3m x 4m Stand :

- Stand Only - £720
- Shell for Stand - £795
- Entry in Show Guide - £60

Questions being Asked :

1. Would you support the event as an Outdoor Provider ?
Only 2 people out of the 45 present said yes
2. Are the Costs Attractive ?
The response was no. Although these are a third of London prices, they are still too much for small providers in an area that is not traditionally associated with activities, during a recession
3. When is the best time to hold the event ?
Definitely before the season – March/April as it will drive people to undertake activities in the coming season. Otherwise they will have lost interest by the New Year if the event runs after the Season
4. Is Merthyr Leisure Centre a suitable venue ?
OK, but catchment very poor and a real doubt over numbers being attracted. Most of our 'customers' come from outside Wales. Something closer to Cardiff might work better. Perhaps Satellite events could be run – e.g. WICC Climbing centre at Bargoed, Climbing at Morlais, Garwnant for Forest Activities, etc.

It was pointed out that the recent Swansea Show didn't work too well – a lack of interest from local public shows that some real effort has to be put in to get people to attend – both in terms of making it attractive for them and by keeping entrance prices low.

Gary re-asked if Providers would support the event if the location and prices were right and the majority said yes.

12. Any Other Business

Point 1 : Bob Keep from Caerphilly OES asked for the following to be read out from his e-mail :

- SWOAPG members may be interested to know that Ynys Hywel is being closed and sold. £250k-300k is the valuation. Not bad for a 50 bed residential property.
- Caerphilly Outdoor Education Service will continue in a peripatetic way. If there are members who have accommodation that they would like to rent out then please advise them to get in touch, we might be able to do some business.

Bob can be contacted at keepra@caerphilly.gov.uk and on 01495 200113

Point 2 : Coasteering

Jet explained that progress is being made with the new Coasteering Initiative. He asked how many people would like to get involved and most people indicated an interest. Jet proposed a Workshop in March and committed to send out a details for SWOAPG members via the Coordinator.

13. Meeting Close

It was agreed that the next meeting would be in March and could perhaps be a half or whole day with workshops and the main meeting in the afternoon or evening. The Steering Group will discuss this and details will be sent out to the membership in good time.

Andy thanked everyone for attending and for their input and closed the meeting.

