

# THE WHITCHURCH WATERWAY TRUST

Company No: 02280683 Charity Registration No: 701050

MINUTES of the TWENTY-SECOND Annual General Meeting held at the Civic Centre,  
Whitchurch on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Apologies for Absence were received from Mike and Julia Mortimer, Joyce and John Farmer, Peter Brown, Michael Bryne, Hazel and Mike Nimmo, Kath Priddy, Sue Collins and Doris Squires.

Minutes of the last AGM: Sue McKeon said that in item 6 it should read to de-register from VAT not re-register. Item 9 Sue McKeon thought that something to explain what Option C was would be useful. After those alterations Sue McKeon proposed they be accepted as a true record, seconded by Kay Mitchell. All voted in favour and they were signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising from the Minutes: None

Yearly Report: Bill Young introduced himself as the new chairman and thanked everyone for coming. David Torrens reminded members of the decision that was made; to build a new mooring basin. The boreholes have been done and the soil analysis found no contamination. Detailed design work is now required for planning permission. He had a useful meeting with Clive Dean of Shropshire Council this afternoon working on improving the signage from the canal into town. Rod Squires asked about the Town Plan and Bill replied that nothing in it interferes with the great support for the canal. Bill Young said that the new basin is feasible. Although the original plan was to take the waterway into the valley the problems are immense with the problem of not being able to use any of British Waterways water and the change in levels. The water voles need protection and hard piling would be problematic. He wants the lakes for fishing for the people of Whitchurch and is treating it as a separate scheme. Hopefully in the future the basin and lake will be joined together.

He thanked the Secretary for her work and asked for support for her, inviting anyone to take on some of her roles. Three committee members are due for re-election and only one is willing to stand again.

Peter Wagstaffe asked what the planning permission is for and Bill replied that it was for the new basin. Martin Stone said that it was an ambitious plan and what support had been received from the Town Council. Bill replied that we had the full support of the Council. Bill said that many members had become disillusioned as nothing was being done and hoped that the new basin would encourage more people to join. Cllr Harris asked about disabled access and David replied that it was taken into consideration.

Treasurer's Report: Ray Hatton has submitted a report which has been sent to all members that hopefully answers all questions. There were no questions. Peter Wagstaffe proposed the accounts be accepted, seconded by Ken Green. Bill Young thanked Ray Hatton for his hard work and excellent accounts.

Election of Auditor: Although we are not bound by Companies House or the Charity Commission to have the accounts audited Ray Hatton would prefer that they were. Our previous auditor has moved. Bill Young has someone in mind to ask to do the work and will contact them.

Election of Committee: Kay Mitchell, Peter Wagstaffe and Bob Sumner are due to retire. Kay and Peter do not wish to stand again and are resigning as trustees. Kay has moved house and the

travelling is too much. She is, however, willing to oversee planning matters. Peter Wagstaffe is also retiring from committee work. Bob Sumner is willing to be re-elected and the remaining committee members were proposed en bloc by Peter Collins and seconded by Rod Squires. Alison Arkell offered to stand for the committee proposed by Bill Young and seconded by Ken Green. Bob Sumner proposed Joan Crump seconded by Rod Squires.

Bill Young thanked Peter Wagstaffe for all the time that he had spent with the Trust and the massive contribution he had made. He presented Peter with honorary life membership and a gift from the membership. Peter explained his beginning with the Trust and his time with District and Town Council. Peter was a founder member of the trust. Those present thanked Peter with a round of applause.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bill Young', written in a cursive style.