

# THE WHITCHURCH WATERWAY TRUST

COMPANY NO: 02280683 CHARITY NO: 701050

## MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the Civic Centre Whitchurch on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013

1. **Apologies:** David Torrens, Rod & Doris Squires, Peter Brown, Clair Butler, Iain MacTavish, Michael Byrne, Brian Crump, Mike & Julia Mortimer.
2. **Minutes of last AGM:** Peggy Mullock proposed that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Peter Wagstaffe and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** No matters arising.
4. **Yearly Report:** The Chairman reported that the planning application was moving very slowly and we were at the stage of dotting 'I's and crossing 'T's. Cllr Mullock offered to speak on our behalf at the planning meeting. He hoped that by the boat rally there would be some definite information. He thanked the organisers of the boat rally. We had had a very successful year.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer reported that everyone had received a copy of the accounts. The accounts had been audited. He had made a design change in that he had taken off the un-presented cheques of £3794.55 in the reconciliation box in Receipts and Payments. The boat rally had been a superb success and overall the accounts were looking healthy. The COIF units are still good although the interest rate had been reduced to 4%. Joan Crump proposed that the accounts be accepted, seconded by Peter Wagstaffe. Joan asked if there was an updated figure for the cost of the basin. The Treasurer replied that the last estimate of a year ago was £400,000.00 and that would be updated if the planning permission was granted and then PlattWhite would draw up new plans. Ray Hatton praised the absent David Torrens for all his hard work on the basin. He understands the language of planners and architects and has the IT knowledge for making drawings. The thanks of the trust go to him. When, and if, planning permission is granted we will be going to funders. We need to increase our membership to show support for the scheme as this is a major part of funding requirements. He is monitoring Grants-Online which is produced by the IWA although there has been nothing fruitful over the last twelve months. Heritage Lottery funding might be the best bet.
6. **Election of Auditor:** Bill Young proposed that Peter Lawrence of Messrs Colin Whitfield be re-elected as auditor, seconded by Peter Wagstaffe.
7. **Election of Committee Members:** Ken Green and David Torrens had expressed their willingness to be re-elected and all voted in favour of the re-election of the committee. No other nominees had come forward.

Cllr. Mullock expressed her thanks to the rally organisers for inviting her and her husband to the rally social evenings whilst she had been Mayor of Whitchurch.