

# THE WHITCHURCH WATERWAY TRUST

COMPANY NO:02280683 CHARITY NO: 701050

## MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the Dodington Lodge Hotel, Whitchurch on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Mr P Wagstaffe was invited to take the Chair in the absence of the chairman.

1. **Apologies:** Mr & Mrs M Mortimer, Mr M Byrne, Mrs D Squires, Mrs C Butler, Mr I MacTavish, Mrs K Priddy, Mr R Wyatt, Ms K Mitchell, Mr R Clothier, Mrs S Collins
  2. **Minutes of last AGM:** Mr K Green proposed that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Mr D Torrens.
  3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** No matters arising.
  4. **Yearly report:** Mr Torrens reported that planning permission was obtained in November and further investigation of the contaminated soil was required. We have received one report and are awaiting a further quotation. Mr P Wagstaffe reported that the Council had used the canal bed as a rubbish tip so it must be thoroughly investigated. Funders have visited the site and were impressed. Thanks were given to Mr Sumner and Mr Skit who work tirelessly on maintaining the arm. The boat rally was again successful and thanks were given to the rally committee and those at Chemistry Farm. The membership drive is working well and the membership continues to increase. The reason for the membership drive is to show local interest and support for the scheme.
  5. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer reported that everyone has received a copy of the accounts. The investments are slowly going down so an eye was being kept on it. Boat rally receipts were slightly down probably because the bacon baps were outsourced. Funding has been received from the Town Council for the preparation of the planning application which was extremely helpful. The accounts came back from the independent examiner at 4.00 pm this afternoon.
- Mr Bellis asked about the funding consultant that we have employed and the treasurer explained what she will be doing. Helping with a business plan and looking at funding opportunities. She will be viewing the site on 9<sup>th</sup> April.
- Nicki Young said that we could use the Tourism Action Plan and Town Plan for support.
6. **Election of Independent Examiner:** Mr R Hatton proposed Mr Peter Lawrence from Peter Whitfield be elected seconded by Mrs J Crump. All agreed
  7. **Election of Trustees:** Mrs P Mullock proposed and Mr R Squires seconded the motion that Mrs J Crump and Mr B Sumner be re-elected and that the remaining trustees be re-elected en-bloc. All agreed.