

THE WHITCHURCH WATERWAY TRUST

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Company No : 02280683 Charity Commission No : 701050



MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 11Jun2019 at The Wheatsheaf, 19 Green End, Whitchurch SY13 1AD

Present:

Helen Brockman	(WWT Secretary)
Chris Chambers	(WWT Trustee / Director and Chairman)
Paul Radcliffe	(WWT Trustee / Director and Canal Festival Organiser)
Dave Smith	(WWT Trustee / Director and Membership Secretary)
Bob Sumner	(WWT Trustee / Director and Grounds Maintenance)
David Torrens	(WWT Trustee / Director and Webmaster)

- 1) Apologies for Absence
David Aylwin
A new representative from Whitchurch Town Council, Simon Hamlyn, had been appointed, but had found he would be unable to attend our meetings as he had another engagement on Tue evenings, so he will ask WTC to appoint someone else. Simon would, however, be happy to engage with us anyway at other times.
- 2) Matters Arising / Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 3) Towpath Upgrade
PR has arranged to level the ground between the 2 bridges and improve the narrow part of the towpath using a 3 ton digger at £80 a day and a dumper truck at £60 a day, with a £50 delivery charge. A digger driver had kindly volunteered his services for no charge. It is expected that both jobs can be done in 2 days, at a cost of £330. It is to be done ASAP to be ready for the Festival. PR will borrow path closure signs from Whitchurch Town Council and WWT will seed the area between the 2 bridges with grass, using grass seed supplied by Shropshire Council.
- 4) Maintenance Boat
CC is awaiting a quote from Border Trailers for re-bottoming the flat that was offered.
- 5) Boundary Fence
CC had obtained an estimate of £850 for replacing the fence (for 94m with posts 2m apart). **DS** and **BS** to put pegs in the ground so that a possible re-alignment can be discussed with the adjacent landowners, with a view to seeing if the fence could be placed in a way which would allow a path all the way along the offside on WWT's side of the fence.
- 6) Facebook Page
No progress.
- 7) Canal Festival 2019
 - a) Forthcoming Meeting
PR will shortly convene a meeting to work on what needs to be done for the Festival.
 - b) Hurlston / Brass Plaques
Hurlston Junction will be closed for repairs from Nov to Mar.
Brass plaques displaying the year have hitherto been included in the boaters' goody bags, but since it seems unlikely that we can be certain that Hurlston Locks will remain open around the time of the Festival, this year pennants will be put in the goody bags instead, and the brass plaques will be ordered and sent out after the Festival.
 - c) Invitations
The Mayor of Whitchurch Town Council will attend the judging of the boats and the Saturday supper.
CC to send PR contact details for the new CRT Manager for our area

PR to invite the new CRT Manager for our area to the Festival

- 8) Tesco Bags of Help
Carried forward.
- 9) Treasurer's Report
It has been problematic for CC to become a TSB Signatory as he cannot prove a residential address because he lives on a boat.
CC to continue trying.
- 10) Country Park Land Transfer to WTC
The last news on this (15May) was that SC now have an officer appointed from their Estates Team to progress this.
CC to write to the Chief Executive of Shropshire Council to chase.
- 11) Bringing the Canal into Town
it was decided to dedicate the 13Aug meeting to dealing with only this subject and any urgent issues.
- 12) Outstanding Actions
It was decided to drop the items about borrowing artefacts from the Ellesmere Boat Museum and producing a project management profoma.
- 13) Any Other Business
 - a) WWT had been informed of a Planning Application 19/02139/FUL for 62 Chemistry
HB to send details
 - b) Testing new TSB Charity Account
It was decided not to pursue this, as so much effort had been expended recently in changing authorisations etc.
 - c) Waterways Restoration Showcase had asked us for details of people to invite
HB to send them contact details for the Mayor of Whitchurch
 - d) HB will be away for the next meeting, but will send out the agenda
DS to take minutes at the next meeting
HB to send template for minutes to DS

14) Date(s) of next meeting(s)

Tue 9Jul	1930	The Wheatsheaf
Tue 13Aug	1930	The Wheatsheaf
Tue 10Sep	1930	The Wheatsheaf
Tue 8Oct	1930	The Wheatsheaf