

THE WHITCHURCH WATERWAY TRUST

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Company No : 02280683 Charity Commission No : 701050



MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 10Sep2019 at The Wheatsheaf, 19 Green End, Whitchurch SY13 1AD

Present:

Sarah Barrington	(Chair, Waterside Meadow Property Management Company)
Simon Barrington	Waterfront View resident
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
Andy Hall
PR arrived late, due to an dealing with an emergency
- 2) Matters Arising / Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The minutes of the 9Jul meeting were headed as "Agenda", which should have been "Minutes".
The minutes of the 9Jul, 11Jun and 13Aug meetings were signed.
- 3) Chair's Report
 - a) The Canal Festival had been great. Congratulations and a big thanks to PR for organising it.
 - b) Border Trailers are too busy to re-bottom the flat which CRT had offered
CC will approach another company
 - c) Offside Boundary Fence
The Waterside Meadow Property Management Company (WMPMC) is the management company for the Waterfront View estate (it was set up in that name by Hawk).
The WMPMC had delegated someone to reply to WWT about the proposed pegged out line of a new fence which would give a bit of land and lose a bit of land to / from each of WWT and WVPMC, however this had not happened.
The Waterfront View residents may be able to help erect the fence.
Sarah Barrington will reply to WWT with the WMPMC's decision
 - d) Towpath Upgrade
CC will inform Whitchurch Town Council of the reasons we have not yet spent the £350 grant which was awarded in Jun2018.
- 4) Invitation from Shropshire Rural Communities Charity Wise and Well team to free lunch 1200 Fri 25Oct in Bargates Hall to celebrate volunteers. Up to 3 places available. Need to bring a photo board capturing the volunteer experience at your group or organisation Must reply by 10Oct.
HB to reply that we will not attend on this occasion
- 5) Waterways Restoration Showcase in Liverpool 21/22 Sep.
CC has replied that we will not attend.
- 6) More meeting dates were arranged (see below for dates)
- 7) Do we want to arrange a dedicated meeting to deal with the subject of "Bringing the Canal into Town" ? This was discussed at the last meeting, but that meeting was inquorate and no conclusions were reached.
The meeting of 3Dec will be dedicated to this subject (and urgent items only).
- 8) Conversion to CIO
HB was to get signatures on Charity Commission's Trustee Eligibility form from Trustees who were

not present at the last meeting. Done.

HB was to get CC's signature on Special Resolutions passed at AGM in approved format. Done.

HB has filed the Special Resolutions at Companies House. There has been no mention of any fine for late filing.

HB to reapply to the Charity Commission for the conversion to a CIO.

9) Canal Festival

a) Next year's Canal Festival will be on 22/23 Aug 2020. PR will organise it.

DT to put the date on our website

b) The spending of £252 for hire of digger and dumper to level the area between the 2 bridges was agreed.

c) **DT** has the lawn mower which was offered.

DT to establish whether it is working and what it needs

10) Arm Maintenance

BS had intended to resign from the Committee, as he felt he did not get enough help with maintenance on the Arm, but will reconsider after hearing that the Waterfront View residents may be able to help.

Sarah Barrington will see if the Waterfront View residents can help with maintenance such as strimming

11) Survey Results

HB to send the survey results to Zoe Dean, who had requested it

12) Treasurer's Report

DT presented a very detailed report, which **CC** felt was useful.

13) Any Other Business

a) A resident had suggested the erection of signs to deter longer boats from attempting to make the tight turn either from the Arm towards Grindley Brook or from the Grindley Brook direction into the Arm because he thought such manoeuvres caused bank erosion and more silt entering the Arm. It is thought that there used to be 2 such signs visible on exit from the Arm, of which only 1 remains. **CC** felt that trying to avoid boats hitting the banks when attempting the tight turn was more important because it can be dangerous. Any sign to warn boaters as they approach the Arm from the Grindley Brook direction would have to be on CRT land.

b) **CC** to seek Roger Birch's advice. There is also no sign indicating the junction whereas there normally is a fingerpost sign at canal junctions.

c) A pub had suggested that we put collection boxes in pubs, as they can receive quite a lot of money. No action on this at present.

d) Blackberry Fair

We will not participate this year as it was felt that street theatre type events are more appropriate for Blackberry Fair than stalls with posters and flyers.

CC will respond to the Blackberry Fair organisers

14) Outstanding Actions (*where not covered under a separate item*)

None

15) Date(s) of next meeting(s)

1930 Tue 8Oct The Wheatsheaf

1930 Tue 12Nov The Wheatsheaf

1930 Tue 3Dec The Wheatsheaf

1930 Tue 7Jan venue tba

1930 Tue 11Feb venue tba

1930 Tue 10Mar venue tba

1930 Tue 14Apr venue tba