

THE WHITCHURCH WATERWAY TRUST

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Company No : 02280683 Charity Commission No : 701050



MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 8Oct2019 at The Wheatsheaf, 19 Green End, Whitchurch SY13 1AD

Present:

Helen Brockman	(WWT Secretary)
Chris Chambers	(WWT Trustee / Director and Chairman)
Andy Hall	(Whitchurch Town Council Representative)
Ticker Harris	
Ray Hatton	(WWT Trustee / Director)
Peggy Mullock	(Shropshire Council Representative)
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)

- 1) Apologies for Absence
David Torrens
- 2) Matters Arising / Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The minutes of the previous meeting and of the meeting of 13Aug2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 3) Chair's Report
 - a) CC will get a contact to investigate getting the flat rebottomed
 - b) Offside Boundary Fence
No response has yet been received from the Waterside Meadow Property Management Company
 - c) Towpath Upgrade
HB to carry this item forward to the next meeting
 - d) Safety and Security on the Arm
Recently, 2 people had died as a result of falling into the canal (at Ellesmere and Audlem). There had also been 2 incidents of boats being untied on the Arm.
CC will pursue the matter of the boats being untied
- 4) Conversion to CIO
The Charity Commission have rejected our 2nd application (made on 13Sep2019) to convert to a CIO because (although the CC have given their consent to the widening of Trustee Benefits in their model constitution compared with those stated in our current constitution, which they consider to be a "Regulated Amendment"), and although the proposed CIO constitution has already been approved at the last AGM, they say we need to also pass an explicit resolution at a General Meeting for members to agree to this widening. They also pointed out an editorial inconsistency in our proposed CIO constitution (we need to remove the words "or by proxy" from 6b, since the constitution does not cater for proxy votes).
 - a) We will convene an EGM to propose such a resolution and remove the editorial inconsistency to be held on 12Nov, with a Committee Meeting to follow the EGM
 - b) An item to consider the extension of the canal towards town will be included in the EGM
DS to get membership list updated by 14Oct
HB to send CC docs showing 2010 AGM decision about canal extension options
CC to send HB text for the EGM Notice about the extension of the canal towards town
HB to send out notice for the EGM and book a room
- 5) Arm Maintenance
DS will bring his trailer to the Arm next Sun
DT sent a message to the meeting saying he will establish whether the donated lawnmower is

working and what it needs by the next growing season

- 6) Canal Festival
 - a) **DT** was to put the date of the 2020 Festival (22/23 Aug 2020) on our website
 - b) David Aylwin has resigned from the committee and will not be Harbourmaster for 2020
 - c) There will be a debrief meeting at 11.00 Wed 16 Oct 2019 in the upstairs restaurant room at the North Shropshire Masonic Rooms to review procedures and arrangements to establish if there is anything different that we could incorporate in next year's event.
- 7) We will have a Christmas Lunch at 1230 on 11 Dec at The Wheatsheaf
HB to make arrangements
- 8) Any Other Business
 - a) Treasurer's Report
David Torrens had sent a message to the meeting that the situation was same as last month with some subscription income and no significant expenditures
 - b) Letters received at Registered Office
HB distributed a junk letter which had been sent to most of the Trustees at our Registered Office address.
In future, the Trustees are happy for HB to open (and bin, if appropriate) such letters.
 - c) **PR** will deal with our Insurance Renewal
 - d) No-one wanted to go to the free Volunteer Lunch organised by the Shropshire Rural Communities Charity on 25 Oct in Bargates Hall
 - e) The bric-a-brac sale had made £99.29
 - f) Strimming on the Arm
Ticker had offered to do strimming on the Arm but advised that a better strimmer was required. We could have the existing one serviced or get a heavier duty one (a brush cutter). DS noted that it is important to have one that is not too heavy. Ticker had not been successful in trying to find out if the one we had been offered the use of was suitable. BS has been offered another one by a boater.
BS to pursue the offer of a strimmer from the boater
HB to carry this item forward to the next meeting
- 9) Outstanding Actions (*where not covered under a separate item*)
 - a) CC has arranged for CRT to review the signage at the junction (both signage to dissuade boaters from attempting the tight turn at the junction and getting a fingerpost sign at the junction)
 - b) HB has sent the survey results on 11 Sep 2019 to Zoe Dean (for WTC)
- 10) Date(s) of next meeting(s)
 - 1930 Tue 12 Nov Extraordinary General Meeting followed by a Committee Meeting venue tba
 - 1930 Tue 3 Dec The Wheatsheaf
 - 1930 Tue 7 Jan venue tba
 - 1930 Tue 11 Feb venue tba
 - 1930 Tue 10 Mar venue tba
 - 1930 Tue 14 Apr venue tba