

THE WHITCHURCH WATERWAY TRUST

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Company No : 02280683 Charity Commission No : 701050



MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 11Feb2019 at The Wheatsheaf, 19 Green End, Whitchurch SY13 1AD

Present:

Helen Brockman	(WWT Secretary)
Ray Hatton	(WWT Trustee / Director)
Keith Hudson	(Representative for Waterside Meadow PMC)
Paul Radcliffe	(WWT Trustee / Director and Canal Festival Organiser)
Bob Sumner	(WWT Trustee / Director and Grounds Maintenance)
David Torrens	(WWT Trustee / Director and Webmaster and Treasurer)

- 1) Apologies for Absence
Chris Chambers, Dave Smith, Andy Hall. An apology from Peggy Mullock was received but not seen until after the meeting.
- 2) Paul Radcliffe chaired the meeting in the Chair's absence.
- 3) Matters Arising / Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 4) Chair's Report
 - a) Rebottoming of flat
CC was awaiting an estimate. Carried Forward.
 - b) Offside Boundary Fence
Chris Chambers had met with KH, who will report to the Waterside Meadow Property Management Company. KH informed us that the Chair of the Waterside Meadow Property Management Company is Keith Yarwood now.
 - c) Towpath Upgrade
CC was to seek advice on finding expertise to design / plan the project to include a drainage solution. BS had talked to Stan, who has a proposal for how it could be done.
PR will arrange a meeting between BS, CC and Stan
- 5) AGM 2020
 - a) The AGM will be at 1930 on Wed 25Mar2020, subject to Chris Chambers' and Dave Smith's availability and a suitable room being available, with Tue 24Mar2020 as another option.
HB to confirm CC and DS and room availability and inform RH of the date picked
 - b) Conversion to CIO
The Charity Commission rejected our application to become a CIO after the EGM in Nov2019 because "the resolution has been passed before the final constitution has been agreed by the membership".
We will put forward resolutions to become a CIO and to adopt a proposed CIO constitution (again) at the AGM and reapply to the Charity Commission. The proposed constitution will omit the widened Trustee benefits which the CC objected to (ie same as at EGM Nov2019) but the proxy voting issue will be left to be dealt with at some future point after we have become a CIO.
 - c) RH had a possible speaker for after the AGM and will see if the speaker is available once the date is confirmed.
RH to confirm speaker to HB by 18Feb.
- 6) Arm Maintenance
 - a) CRT review of signage at the junction (in their winter schedule)
Carried Forward

- 7) Post Payment Monitoring Form from Rural Payments Agency about Stage One Funding has been done and accepted. The next one is due 31Jan2021.
- 8) Canal Festival
 - A possible theme is VE Day.
 - We need a Harbourmaster for the Festival, to take mooring fees, plan mooring places, and marshall boats
 - PR** to arrange a meeting of the Canal Festival subcommittee, with HB, DT, BS invited.
- 9) PR has done our Insurance Renewal.
- 10) Alternatives docs presented at EGM on 12Nov2019
 - BS proposed that the canal could be extended by several feet between its current end and Chemistry Bridge and presented a diagram.
 - CC** and **David Torrens** were to work on developing this
- 11) Treasurer's Report
 - David Torrens had circulated a Preliminary Balance Sheet.
 - We should ringfence funds which may be needed for Arm maintenance.
 - HB** to put renegotiation of our Moorings Agreement with CRT on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 12) As Gnosall C-Fest 17-19Jul will be very close to our own Canal Festival, we will not attend it with a stall / talk / display.
- 13) IWA Quiz night 9Mar2020
 - Only HB and KH were interested in this
- 14) We will not attend the IWA / CRT Restoration Conference Sat 21Mar Wolverhampton
- 15) Free trees from The Woodland Trust
 - Carried Forward.
- 16) Outstanding Actions (*where not covered under a separate item*)
- 17) Any Other Business
- 18) Date(s) of next meeting(s)

1930 Tue 10Mar venue The Wheatsheaf
AGM 1930 Wed 25Mar (date and venue to be confirmed)
1930 Tue 14Apr venue The Wheatsheaf
1930 Tue 12May venue The Wheatsheaf
1930 Tue 9Jun venue The Wheatsheaf