

THE WHITCHURCH WATERWAY TRUST

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Company No : 02280683 Charity Commission No : 701050



MINUTES meeting on **13 September 2017.**

Held at 1930hrs at the Dodington Lodge Hotel.

(Minor corrections made 24/09/2017)

Present:

Joan Crump

Ray Hatton (Treasurer)

Paul Radcliffe

Bob Sumner

David Torrens (Secretary)

Chris Chambers

Wendy Capelle (CRT)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Not discussed as previous meeting was informal.

2. Apologies for Absence etc. Bill Young no longer feels he can act as Chairman and the Committee will appoint a new chairman at the next meeting. Chris Chambers was co-opted as a committee member (and will be registered as a Trustee).

3. Stop Planks and Stop Plank Shelter

CRT can supply planks to the latest (recently revised to a higher specification) design requirements. CRT can meet half the approx £450 cost.

Whitchurch Men In Sheds can repair the shelter in their workshop and would ensure the shelter looks smart since it would be positioned at the entrance to the arm.

4. Paths/Picnic Area and RDPE (Rural Development Programme England)

4.1 Picnic Area. This is due to be treated with weed killer as soon as the weather is suitable.

4.2 Grassed areas. To be sown with Grass seen as agreed at last meeting.

4.3 Litter and Dog Waste bins. Two bins will be emptied by SC and RH will check up with them about this to empty the two by the main path.

5. Treasurer's Report.

5.1 Treasurer presented, and the meeting accepted, a statement of Receipts and Payments.

5.2 Investment. RH stated that we now had funds that could be returned to our COIC investment and it was agreed that we would pay back the £40,000 (that has been used to fund the EAFRD project between paying contractors and being reimbursed by EAFRD) as that would leave about £9,000 in the current account.

6. TSB Grant and Area from Meadowcroft Concrete Bridge to Chemistry Bridge.

This is the area where the next phase of the Basin Project could be done which would be to extend the canal to Meadowcroft bridge as suggested in Howard Worth proposal from April 2016.

It was agreed that TSB grant funds would be used to improve this area in a way compatible with the next phase of the basin project. CC emphasised that this area is the "Gateway" to the Canal arm and needs to make a better impression on visitors. He will supply a suitable Text to JC to explain this "Gateway" concept for them to use in fund raising.

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Sources of paint were discussed for the school to paint the other wall inside the Meadowcroft bridge and adequate sources are known.

Shropshire Council (SC) need to be contacted re the transfer of ownership of this area. WC will mention this when she meets with SC and DT will also contact SC.

If funds are sufficient an interpretation panel explaining the new and original track of the canal can be included.

7. WWT Coffee Morning Friday October 13th. Due to lack of available volunteers JC will cancel this. [That date now to be used by WMIS].

8. Communicating better with Members. This was discussed at length and it was agreed that further efforts should be made to get members email addresses and to issue more regular updates direct to members, on the website and on the Facebook page.

WC stated that a good source of volunteers for work groups at the arm is via the CRT Twitter account which is subscribed to by many potential volunteers; in future, we should use this and also our list of members email addresses.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 19.30 on **Wed 15^h November 2017** at CNE in "Laura's Room". (Booking is confirmed)

Future to be held on the **third Wednesday every other month.**

Actions List

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| RH | Pay £40k to COIC
Check with SC ref Litter Bin Emptying
Contact SH ref next Phase of Basin Project and also the "Gateway". |
| DT | Contact SC ref Land Ownership. (Was done and we await SC response)
Arrange to take the stop Plank Shelter to WMIS workshop. (Has been removed from by Canal arm, to WMIS Workshop in about a months time)
Contact WRG ref next Phase of Basin Project. (Emails Sent)
Update the Website.
Update the Facebook Page |
| WC | Mention Land Ownership issue when she meets SC
Alert relevant CRT department ref Supplying Stop Planks |
| CC | Supply Text to JC to forward to TSB ref the Gateway Concept. |
| JC | Cancel Coffee Morning Oct 13 th . (Has been cancelled and date will be used by WMIS)
Liaise with TSB. |
| BS | Ensure Weed Treatment done for Picnic Area |
| All | Check if you have any books TSB can sell on their 2 nd hand book stall in aid of WWT. |