

THE WHITCHURCH WATERWAY TRUST

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Charity Commission No : 701050



MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 12Jan2022 at The Dodington Lodge, Dodington, Whitchurch, SY13 1EN

Present:

Helen Brockman	(WWT Secretary)
Chris Chambers	(WWT Trustee and Chairman)
Mark Lacey	
Kath Oldham	Member
Paul Radcliffe	(WWT Trustee and Canal Festival Organiser)
Hilary Seward	(WWT Trustee)
Bob Sumner	(WWT Trustee and Grounds Maintenance)
David Torrens	(WWT Trustee and Webmaster and Treasurer)

- 1) Apologies for Absence
Patrick Hudson, Ray Hatton, Peggy Mullock, Giles Sullivan
- 2) Minutes of the Previous Meeting / Matters Arising
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 3) Conversion to a CIO - Changing the name on the Land Registry title for the Whitchurch Arm to show WWT as a CIO rather than a charitable company
This looks to be more complicated than first expected. The committee approved spending up to £500 on using a solicitor to get the change made, if necessary.
HB to have another look at it and consider using a solicitor
- 4) Election of Kathleen Oldham as a Trustee
Kathleen Oldham was elected unanimously as a Trustee. Welcome on board, Kath !
- 5) Canal Festival (Sat 3rd and Sun 4th Sep 2022)
The members of Canal Festival Sub-Committee will be PR, HB, BS, CC KO and ML
PR will advise the date of first Canal Festival Sub-Committee meeting
- 6) Membership
KO will have her new laptop shortly
HB to arrange meeting with KO and Dave Smith to progress handover of membership
- 7) Moorings Agreement with CRT
CRT have offered to change the agreement to 32% of mooring fees plus an annual standing charge of £2000 + VAT to be paid quarterly in advance and WWT to pay one-off legal fees of £1,750 plus VAT. This is felt to be worse than the current agreement. It does not seem to reflect the fact that we provide 150m of free visitor moorings for CRT licence payers
PR to ask CRT whether we have the option to pay 9% of potential mooring fees, and, if so, how much they would assess that to be
- 8) Long Term Moorings Vacancy
Lindsay has advised that there is a vacancy on the Long Term Moorings, so please tell anyone you know who might like to tie their boat there.
- 9) Arm Maintenance
 - a) Sunken place on towpath
A place on the edge of the towpath by the winding hole has sunken and is currently marked off. This place has previously been filled more than once.
CC will ask Roger Birch for advice and materials with a view to doing a short term fix and find out what piling work is planned on the canal nearby to see if we could piggyback some piling work onto CRT's planned piling work as a long term fix, as not having to pay for the travel cost of plant and equipment would significantly reduce the cost of such a job.

- b) A work party had cleared leaves from the end of the Arm before Christmas, but it needs to be done again
HB to tell PR Hensch's contact details, which could be a way to dispose of the arisings
HB to give BS phone numbers for Giles Sullivan and Mark Lacey
 - c) Improving Path to Long Term Moorings
PR will ask Martin Tree Care about improving the path
 - d) Dead and dangerous tree overhanging the Canal at the Junction
 CRT do not think the dead tree is dangerous and so are not going to take any action.
CC to see how it can be removed
 - e) Trees by the Long Term Moorings, overhanging the Memorial Garden and at the top of the bank
 The dead cherry tree has been removed and overhanging branches have been cut back. The hedge on the wide part of the towpath will be trimmed at the weekend. The neighbour whose garden the 3 silver birch trees are in will get Martin Tree Care to deal with them.
 - f) Contractor to carry out regular work such as strimming, hedge cutting etc
 It was thought that it would be better for WWT to have a single contractor carrying out all vegetation management work, including that done in the Country Park. The picnic area is currently covered in grass.
HB to inform Nobridge not to do any more work for us
PR will get a quote from Martin Tree Care for vegetation management in the spring
 - g) Whitchurch Town Council have been been paying Newmans £2000 a year but no work has been done on the Whitchurch Arm. We are waiting to hear what Peggy Mullock has discovered.
 - h) Offside Boundary Fence next to Waterfront View estate
 Carried forward
 - i) Signage for Boats about how to enter and leave the Whitchurch Arm from/to the Grindley Brook direction
 CRT have given permission for us to erect a sign on their offside visitor moorings by the lift bridge.
HS will get Joe of Audlem Printers to design a sign
 - j) Planting Trees above winding hole
PR and **BS** will seek advice on suitable trees from Martin Tree Care
- 10) Protection of Route for Canal Restoration into Town
 The adopted Core Strategy (2006-2026) including policy CS17- Environmental Networks and the draft Local Plan (2016-2038) have been received from Shropshire Council and circulated. While these do show the area as green space, there is no specific mention of the route for canal restoration, as there was in the Local Plan for Whitchurch Urban Parish 2000-2011, where it was shown as "Canal Restoration (T4)"
HB to ask if protection of the route can be shown in the Local Plan
- 11) Termination of Entrust enrolment
HB has requested the deletion of WWT's enrolment in Entrust but has not yet received confirmation
- 12) Whitchurch Tangent Club
CC will contact the Tangent Club to arrange going to one of their meetings
- 13) Trustee Nomination Form
 It was agreed that the Nominator section can be removed from the Trustee Nomination Form
- 14) Treasurer's Report
 Our insurance quote has increased by £100 from last year. However the treasurer currently has no way to pay it.
- a) TSB Signatories
HS offered to be a 2nd online signatory for the TSB and will get the necessary forms from the TSB
 - b) COIF Signatories
 Carried forward
 - c) TSB Cheque Book
DT will get a cheque book frm the TSB
- 15) Any Other Business
 Ken Green's funeral will be at 1130 Wed 19Jan at Emstrey Crematorium. Ken's contribution to WWT over the years was much appreciated.
- 16) Date(s) of next meeting(s)
 From Feb onwards, we will change to the 2nd Tue of the month

1930 Tue 8Feb2022 at The Archibald Worthington
 1930 Tue 8Mar2022 at The Dodington Lodge
 1930 Wed 12Apr2022 at The Dodington Lodge
 1930 Wed 10May2022 at The Dodington Lodge
 1930 Wed 14Jun2022 at The Dodington Lodge