

THE WHITCHURCH WATERWAY TRUST

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Charity Commission No : 701050



MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 14Jun2022 at The Archibald Worthington Club, 2 Castle Hill, Whitchurch SY13 1BQ

Present:

Helen Brockman	(WWT Secretary)
Angie Hotchkiss	(Whitchurch Town Councillor)
Mark Lacey	(WWT Trustee and Canal Festival Organiser)
Peggy Mullock	(Shropshire Council Representative)
Hilary Seward	(WWT Trustee)
Giles (Dugga) Sullivan	(WWT Trustee and Whitchurch Town Council Representative)
Bob Sumner	(WWT Trustee and Grounds Maintenance)
David Torrens	(WWT Trustee and Webmaster and Treasurer)

- 1) Apologies for Absence
Kath Oldham, Ray Hatton
- 2) Chris Chambers and Paul Radcliffe have resigned as Trustees, both due to health issues.
- 3) Mark Lacey was unanimously elected as Chair of the WWT Committee.
(Hilary Seward arrived)
- 4) Minutes of the Previous Meeting / Matters Arising
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 5) Canal Development Strategy
 - a) Small Extension. It was agreed that we will work towards a small extension with maybe a slipway and a way to collect silt. This would enable us to learn lessons and gain confidence while showing we can deliver something.
DT has had an email exchange with an IWA Honorary Engineer Howard Worth, who seemed open to the idea of helping us.
DT suggested a working group be set up, although he does not want to lead it.
HS will do some research on tradespeople who might be useful to us.
 - b) Country Park. Chris Chambers had met Mark Barrow of Shropshire Council, who are keen to work with us on Community Asset Transfer of Whitchurch Waterways Country Park. SC would set up a meeting with other partner groups, possibly Whitchurch Walkers, Whitchurch Business Group and others. It was agreed that we will send an Expression of Interest to SC, as we will not know what kind of deal may be available until we do.
 - c) Town Centre Extension. It was agreed that bringing the canal to Whitchurch Town Centre will be our long term goal.
GS suggested that we should write a proposal, get the subject on the agenda of a full Whitchurch Town Council meeting and attend that meeting.
DT will produce a list of relevant past documentation on extending the canal and a summary.
- 6) Policies
The amended Advertising, Privacy, Equality and Diversity Policies, and the Canal Festival Subcommittee Terms of Reference were approved.
A draft amended Purchasing Policy is being worked on.
 - a) WWT Website / Facebook
All are requested to make comments on the new Whitchurch Waterway Trust Facebook page or send info about WWT activities direct to Joe Sheldon (audleprinters@gmail.com) so he can post it.

- 7) Canal Festival (Sat 3rd and Sun 4th Sep)
ML will arrange a Canal Festival Subcommittee meeting in the next couple of weeks.
- 8) Protection of Route for Canal Restoration into town. Shropshire Council have confirmed that we (secretary@whitchurchwaterway.uk) are now on the consultee list for the Local Plan.
- 9) Treasurer's Report
We have had a further invoice for £450 for work on the new website. In the past couple of months, we have spent more than we received. Some money from advertising may have been mistakenly recorded as donations.
The period that interim accounts presented to Committee Meetings cover was discussed. It is currently a rolling year. Financial year to date may be better.
ML and **DT** to agree what period the interim accounts will cover.
- 10) Agenda for Jul Meeting
Topics will be ideas for how we can run our organisation better and how we can deal with maintenance on the Arm and practical issues such as grass cutting.
- 11) Any Other Business
 - a) There will be a Whitchurch Business Group party in The Old Music Hall, Watergate St, Dodington SY13 1EA from 1800 on Wed 29Jun, to which committee members are invited (RSVP to enquiries@whitchurchbusinessgroup.co.uk). To find The Old Music Hall, you go through a narrow alley beside a pink half-timbered house or down an alley from Bark Hill.
 - b) The idea of having meetings at an earlier time was considered, but no change was agreed.
- 12) Date(s) of next meeting(s)
1930 Tue 12Jul2022 Archibald Worthington Club
(no meeting in Aug)
1930 Tue 13Sep2022 (AGM followed by a Committee Meeting) Archibald Worthington Club
1930 Tue 11Oct2022 Archibald Worthington Club
1930 Tue 8Nov2022 Archibald Worthington Club
1930 Tue 6Dec2022 Archibald Worthington Club