

## Worcester Canal Group meeting 10.09.15

1. Meeting started at 19.15 with a welcome from Joy Squires, present were David, Dan, Jane and Peter Moorhouse, Colin, Ivan Smith, Mike Doyle, Matt Jenkins, Pete, Graham Fowler, Julie-May Adams.

Apologises David Wheeler, Caroline Kennedy and Gerry Lowman.

2. Minutes from July meeting were approved.

3. Policing , there were no representatives from the Police. a short discussion took place on the introduction of the turning off of some street lights between 12.00 midnight and 06.00 and the possible effect on the canal towpath etc. The A.R.A area will be the last to be switched in March 2016. The comments from David Wheeler in the Canal round up meeting in August re the lighting on the canals and that he forwarded the correspondence to CRT were noted.

4. With regards to the festival and its legacy - Mike was putting together a DVD with the help of a local company, shows the performances , 2 talking heads, community items. A voice over needs to be added , some editing should be ready end of September. To go on our web site, sponsors websites 2 - 10 minutes long depending on what is required by whom.

Shall we do it again - would we want to ask WBDCS to support us, WCG would look after the financial side , would like assistance with tents and canal boats. There is a risk we would need an underwriter. Would they be prepared to support us.

What support would Worcester City Council give us.?

It was decided to have a small project group Joy suggested Ivan and Mike, (feasibility) Colin ( bar, music and food) joining at a later date, overseen by herself. she would speak to the mayor at some point.

Jane asked about a press release be made about the success of the festival, the level of community involvement, the money raised and where it was donated too , 200.00 to St Paul's, ( carried unanimously)

T shirts will be distributed to those members who supported the event with additional item donated to St Pauls. The brass plaque will hopefully go on the tree nearest the milestone.

5. Projects. Myrtle just needs part of an arm adding, a coat of paint a seal and then she will be put in the ground virtually opposite the milestone on the far bank.

St Paul's are finishing bridge 8 . St Paul's have worked really hard with this venture , a big thank you to them.

Seagulls are causing a nuisance , sometimes killing young moorhens , ducks and cygnets , Joy will speak to city council.

Calendar was passed around by Jane its on sale for 3.50 or 3 for 10.00. There are 100 printed. Jane was thanked for her efforts.

Notice boards, David asked if we had anything fresh to go in besides what WBDCS sends him, not yet but watch this space.

6. Dan had been to a meeting about the volunteer boat. CRT are asking for any jobs that need doing in the next 6 months all agreed on area by the park and the Block house flats. The boat will be moored at Diglis island and Dan is going to do some work on her.

Helms will be Dan and Pete. Boat will be available for the litter pick on the 28th Sept CRT will provide a helm.

7. As a group are we thinking of extending down in to Diglis , Ivan had done a leaflet there previously and there were some interested parties. Ivan will revisit the area.

8. We have some monies in the bank 878.76 in the bank , 200.00 will go to St Paul's as discussed.

We have 116 members.

Next meeting Tuesday 20th October at the Guildhall at 7pm .

meeting ended at 21.00