

Worcester Canal Group meeting Monday 26th October 2015.

1. Attendance: Joy Squires, Ian Sweetman (CSO), Gemma Need (CSO), David Ritchie, Matt Jenkins, Michael Doyle, Dan, Julie-May Adams.

2. Apologies: Graham Fowler, Jane and Peter Moorhouse, Jackie Hollis, Colin, Ivan Smith, Caroline Kendall (CRT), Linda Pawley (CSO).

3. Police Report: CSO Need explained about a new operation which the Police were conducting into the illegal fishing taking place on the canal and river called Operation Leviathan. David asked for 24 small posters which he would distribute in the notice boards and other prominent places.

4. Canal Festival: Joy had spoken to David Wheeler on Friday 23rd October. WBDCS could not support us at a festival next year and considered 2017 more feasible. Mike and Ivan had been liaising and also felt that 2017 was a better option. That way further investigation into structure, assistance could be done. To be placed on agenda for early 2016.

Video is on hold at the moment, just needs the voice over and polish.

5. Projects: Art on bridge is on hold until the bridge is finished. Being repaired at this time.

Wildlife - re agenda for spring

Calendar selling well, just a few left.

Notice boards, the new one for lock 5 is ready to be put in the ground by CRT.

David showed several recent notices that he had put in. He had also approached ABC Leisure in Lowesmoor and had permission to place posters in their chandery.

David was asked to work out how much paper and ink he used when printing the notices off and to approach Ivan who would refund him from the petty cash.

6. Joy is the liaison for WBDCS. She is also in contact with Worcester Inland Waterways.

On Friday she attended a CRT South Wales and Severn partnership event. Joy was asked to speak about us, improving our standing within the partnership.

CRT are carrying out work on Lock 2 at Diglis. The works will be open to the public 10am - 4pm on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th November. We are planning to have a small stall displaying our accomplishments at the event.

The Arts ring should be coming to fruition next month. Joy has asked a representative to come and talk to us, as we have several artists and persons who are interested in the ring.

On the 12th November there is a CRT 'Community adoption' workshop in Birmingham. JMA will attend.

7. Treasures report. None.

8. Boat - Dan gave an update on the progress of the boat. He has surveyed her and is compiling a report for CRT on the further work that could be done. CRT are still progressing the helmsman training. It is hoped that the boat will be available for the litter pick on Saturday 31st October in the park.

9. **AOB:** has been dealt with under previous headings.

10. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 3rd December at The Chestnut. This will be a short meeting and a social get together.

Meeting started at 19.10 and finished at 20.30