



**Worcester  
Canal  
Group**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016  
Chestnut PH, Worcester.

**Present**

Joy Squires (Chair)  
Matt Jenkins  
Jane Moorhouse  
Peter Moorhouse  
Graham Fowler  
Dan Daye  
Gerry Lowman  
Mark Mills (C&RT)  
Dave Ritchie  
Mike Doyle  
Colin Robinson  
Kym Humphries  
Clare Harker  
Mel Kirk

**Apologies**

Ivan Smith  
Julie-May Adams

**The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21/01/16 were agreed.**

**In view of the change of venue, it was agreed to postpone the talk by Jane Sedgley-Smith (WWT) to the next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016. This date will also be the AGM with invitations to C&RT volunteers who work along our stretch of the canal**

1. Various locations were discussed if the Guildhall is not available for any future meetings – The Hive appeared to be a free and convenient alternative location
2. Feedback re planned trips has been favourable, it was agreed to continue with planning of these.
3. Mark confirmed that the workboat should be available for the March litter pick
4. Matt has made contact with St Modwens – they will be adding information to the wharf area when 100 houses on the site are occupied.
5. Julie-May has made good contact for provision of plants for the canalside garden
6. Mike updated the meeting re the planned barge pull by Worcester Warriors in aid of Acorns. This will commence from Diglis at 12 noon on 15<sup>th</sup> April with a planned finished at Aston Villa's Ground on 29<sup>th</sup> April. WCG are one of the invited groups to be present at the commencement of the event. Discussion ensued around what the group could contribute with suggestions including leaflets, photos, powerpoint and the showing of the video made by St Paul's. Possible also inclusion of the art brochure if it was ready (see below)
7. Joy updated the group re her attendance at the WBDCS meeting, the forthcoming River Pageant and work with the C&RT re the River Severn
8. Matt circulated the canal art brochure as a "work in progress" – it is hoped that this will be ready for the AGM (and possibly before – see above). The meeting agreed a budget of £200 for printing. Matt and Graham will progress.

9. Joy updated the meeting re plans for the Cavalier PH site – planning application submitted by a Housing Trust for Supported Living Dwellings on the site for persons with learning disabilities. The meeting agreed this was a good idea in principle.
10. Kim & Graham are keen to progress work on a video concentrating on the heritage and history of the areas around the canal in Worcester. This could contribute to the cities' bid for Heritage City Status and to the redevelopment of the Commandery concentrating on the Civil War
11. Mark updated the meetings re repair projects along the canal with a warning that the canal towpath may need to be shut to facilitate repairs. Bridge repair (Lowesmoor Basin) remains low priority. Noticeboard will be installed before Easter.
12. Discussions around the group adopting a further stretch of the canal. This included the obligations and benefits associated with further adoption. Options include extending the Northern boundary to Perdiswell and South to the Commandery. Both were agreed in principle but at this stage need to remain aspirational targets with the need to attract more “active” members before this could turn into reality. Matt & Joy will progress.
13. Treasurers Report – current funds stand at £639.38 with approximately £100 of this ring fenced re Myrtle expenses.
14. Mike updated progress of the Canal Festival Legacy Video which should be ready for early summer.

#### **ACTIONS**

- JM to investigate when Gloucester Waterways Museum reopens after refurbishment.
- JS to contact Stroud Canal Society re visit
- MJ & GF will continue to liaise with St Modwens re the wharf area
- MJ & GF to co-ordinate leaflet distribution to newly built houses
- GF & Kim to progress idea re heritage video
- MM to invite C&RT volunteers to the AGM
- MJ to assess level of support re extending the Northern Boundary of our stretch of the canal. JS to do same re Southern Boundary.

**NEXT MEETING AND AGM – 7pm, 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016 AT THE GUILDHALL  
A WARM WELCOME EXTENDED TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS**