

WORCESTER CANAL GROUP

Minutes of meeting 3 April 2019 at the Paul Pry

1. Present: Jackie, Jenny, Joy, Gerri, George, Matt, Peter, Dan, David, Richard, Graham.
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising. Agreed.
 - a. Brambles at Wickes. It is likely that ownership of the land will change soon which may make it easier to sort out the problem.
 - b. Memorial to Alan Hollis. Installed. Jackie to let Alan's son know.
 - c. Riverside park. Graham described progress. The firm of landscape architects employed on the project have run a workshop at the Guildhall and a preliminary display of what they have in mind was on the quayside today. Work should start soon.
3. Chairs update. To be covered on main agenda.
4. Perdiswell Wildlife Survey

The main survey is still planned for 28th April. Dan will pick up the Wanderer from Diglis with the help of two members of the St Pauls Group. It will be moored at Lansdowne Park. On 28th the Wanderer will leave Lansdowne park at about 10.30 to arrive at Bilford locks and Perdiswell Park for midday. Passengers are welcome. Richard offered lifejackets suitable for children.

Hopefully St Pauls will be able to film the event. Geri to ask Clare if she might contribute some original poetry. Peter to paint a sign similar to the one used last year.

Members of the public taking part should be able to collect and return monitoring forms from the boat. Reference books should also be available.

Joy is working on a flyer and a monitoring form. Agreed to ask Richprint to produce 1000. Also to go on our Facebook, Twitter and Mailchimp sites.

Discussion of where to do door to door deliveries of flyers . Agreed on Drovers Way Estate, Kingston Avenue/Woodland road and Bilford Avenue. Matt, Joy George and Graham volunteered to deliver.

Also discussed sites where flyers could left out. The swimming baths, the Youth Club off Dritwich road and the Pump House. Matt to contact the Friends of Perdiswell Park. There are difficulties with making sure the schools are informed as term ends soon.

On the Monday there will be a second event. The county Council have agreed to give us access to the patch of fenced off land behind the tip and adjoining the canal. It is rare for anyone to go in there. It could be a really interesting site to catalogue undisturbed local wildlife.

5. Canalside Festival.

Progress is being made and there are fortnightly meetings. The date of the Festival remains the last weekend in June. Funding applications have been made. Discussions continue with

the city council. More volunteers are needed. Could the Canal Group have a gazebo to try and raise some money? There will be music and fundraising at the Chestnuts over Easter.

6. Canal Group Activities

- a. The Wanderer is being used for litter picks and will be used for the wildlife survey.
- b. Litter picks are going well. Now been taking place for six years. There were 17 people involved last Saturday.
- c. St Pauls Creative Group are due to be out on the Wanderer on Monday and to be interviewed for Radio Hereford and Worcester.
- d. The noticeboard at Gregory`s lock is still inaccessible. Action on the board at Bevere has not been taken. It may be that is now in a different CRT area.

7. Treasurers report. We have renewed our membership of BDCS and the Worcester Arts Council. There is no money held as petty cash. There is £268 in the bank account.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM at 7.15 ON WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE AT THE PAUL PRY

9. Any Other Business. None.