

A NEW DAWN FOR WINSFORD

NOTES OF MEETING HELD IN TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES ON 13TH MARCH 2019

Present: Cllr G Lewis (Chair), B Clarke (Winsford Town Council), J McCall (JMcC), J Mole (JM), and Cllr C Parkinson (CP)

Apologies: Cllrs D Edwards, Cllr M Kennedy, B Osborne (BO), Colin Edmondson (RWNS), D Roberts (DR), J Tackley (JT), and Geraint Jones (CWAC)

1. APOLOGIES

As above

2. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 6TH FEBRUARY 2019

The notes were accepted as a true record.

3. ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The Group went through the Action Plan.

- Slipping hazards – JMcC reported that a supplier (WJ Components) offer treatment to address slipping issues. It was suggested that the company be invited to visit and show their products. Will contact CWAC.
- Dredging – BC reported that he had spoken to the Canals and Rivers Trust and the question had been asked where the dredgings would be put after being removed. It was reported that a licence may be required. It was suggested by JM that the dredging be put on the island again. BC said that a plan needed to be drawn up and JMcC/JM will draw up a plan and then ask CWAC to deposit the dredgings. JM will research into the issue.
- Signage – BC reported that he had spoken to Highways who said that New Dawn need to identify where the signs should be located. It was confirmed that the signs would be on the road coming from the station towards Winsford. It was agreed that the sign would go just after the bridge. Another sign should be located off the estate at Weaver Valley Road. JM asked about having a warning sign so that boats did not go too far into the Flashes.
- Car Park – it was confirmed that CWAC have not allowed the car park to be marked out into bays
- Winter Moorings – JT met with Land and Water and showed them all facilities at the Marina.
- Litter – no issues
- Salt Towns Rally – it was confirmed that the Rally will start in Winsford on Friday 13th September 2019 and would leave Winsford on Sunday 15th

September 2019. The event will include boaters games; and a boat parade/reception at the Red Lion

- Marina Building – C & RT locks are to be fitted to the doors
- Mid-Cheshire Waterways Strategy – see item below
- Incline Plane/Link – ongoing project

4. MARINA – FUTURE DEVELOPMENT (PHASE 2)

It was reported that the WTC position statement had been agreed by the Town Council at its meeting on 18th February 2019.

It was reported to the Group that a number of concerns were raised by Town Councillors regarding the suggestion that ownership of the Marina is transferred from CWAC to WTC.

It was agreed by the Group that the planned meeting with CWAC and others would take place after 2nd May 2019 and an outline agenda was suggested, including the following: -

- Financial issues
- Future ownership
- Links to Neighbourhood Plan
- Future developments

A provisional list of attendees was also discussed including CWAC officers/Members; New Dawn representatives; LEP; owners of the area around the Marina and clubs/societies using the facilities.

5. MID CHESHIRE WATERWAYS STRATEGY

It was noted that the country park concept is the starting point in terms of the development of the Marina, leading to the incline plane.

No other reported developments in terms of the Strategy.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

7. TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed following the Annual Meeting of the Town Council on 20th May 2019.

Chair