

Minutes of the meeting of the **CHESTERFIELD CANAL PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE STEERING GROUP** held at the Markham Vale Environment Centre on Thursday 10 June 2010.

Attending

Geraint Coles	Chesterfield Canal Partnership
John Nuttall	British Waterways
Pete Cassey	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Harold Laws	North East Derbyshire District Council
Lucinda Chapman	North East Derbyshire District Council
Robin Stonebridge	Chesterfield Canal Trust
John Baylis	Inland Waterways Association
Martin Dowson	Derbyshire County Council
Selwyn Jones	Derbyshire County Council
Cllr P Proctor	Chesterfield Borough Council
Mark Shewring	Chesterfield Borough Council
Sandra Withington	Bassetlaw District Council
Cllr. Liz Yates (Chair)	Nottinghamshire County Council
Helena Stenton	Derbyshire County Council

Apologies

Andy Wickham	Nottinghamshire County Council
Cllr Jenny Whysall	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
David Tricket	Chesterfield Canal Trust

2. **Minutes of last meeting** - accepted as a true record.

3. **Matters arising** – the matter of the letter to DCC re Partnership staff and single status implications will be addressed in AOCB

4. **Election of Chair** – Bassetlaw rep unlikely to be able to take on the duties. RS proposed LY, JB seconded, all agreed. LY agreed to take on the role for the remainder of the term, until 2011/2012. Vice chair to be decided at the next meeting, [GC to write to partners](#) asking them to consider nominations. Chair of TOG traditional rests with officer from same authority so should be taken by AW, subject to his agreement.

The commitment of all members and officers is essential with a big funding bid going in.

5. Development updates

- Waterside – has received planning consent subject to Environment Agency flood defence works being carried out on the River Rother. Ground works may start as early as autumn. Public interpretation area is now open close to the basin terminal and partnership will provide some information regarding the restoration of the canal. The development is receiving good support from CBC planners.
- Hollingwood Lock – construction work has started on the car park and embankments. Tender documents will go out on Friday 11 June with work

starting in August and to be completed by April 2011. Essential that handover happens before 1 April to meet funding deadlines. GC likely to be first 'tenant'. CCP and CCT have received several approaches for running a café there and are considering these, with a preference for a community run venture. There has been some disruption to towpath and TPT which is likely to continue, but DCC and CCP are looking for a diversion route.

- Staveley Town Basin and Markham Vale – SJ reported that planning was agreed and a contract is being put together to go out to tender, with work expected to start August/September. [JB to talk to SJ about designs for slipway](#). CCT vols are working from Mill Green with the aim of linking to the basin in 18 months. WRGies will be working on site in July. The intention is that the 2012 festival will be held at the basin with a sporting theme. JB to raise NTBF 2012 with IWA. New route for phase 2 of the loop road still being considered and dialog needed between DCE and CBC planners.
- Doe Lea – GC showed pictures from the recent site investigations on the puddlebank. Waiting for geotechnical and archaeological reports but indications are that the bank is made from a uniform material with no voids or run offs making restoration easier and reduces costs.
- Renishaw – work slowed because of the need for funding, LEADER funding applied for. CCT works here are ahead of schedule and a slipway is being considered. £50K received for community park development and CCP working with Groundwork on this project, need to talk to NEDDC re long term maintenance.
- Kiveton-Killamarsh – not a lot of progress. Consultation volume out and waiting for responses.
- Worksop – JN reported works on towpath resurfacing from Shireoaks to Sandy Lane almost complete and will be finished before festival. SW reported Bassetlaw has a bid with ERDF for creative village adjacent to the canal near the town centre. They are looking for expressions of interest for the old library building and Waterway Gateway Project. The Marina study draft needs more detail but will then go to cabinet. She reminded the ESG about LEADER funding in that area that may help fund Forest Lock.
- Trent Vale – AW to update at next meeting. JN reported HLF approval for the project with 5 staff over 3 years, no great impact on the canal, but maybe some overlap.

6. Next Nav East - GC has drafted letter reminding of consultation deadline and asking for comments. RS suggested making it more specific with interim deadlines. End of June need acknowledgement of document and who will be responding. End of July issues councils may find contentious or raise concerns and formal response by 3 September. MD suggested questionnaire for structured response, possibly using survey monkey. PC asked that the document/letter is sent to their Chief Exec. [GC to amend letter](#).

7. Next Nav West – some progress being made.

8. Future form of partnership – discussions have shown that current arrangements could be improved and ideas for structured changes at the

Derbyshire end have been agreed as an interim measure. Partnership needs to work towards being a more independent body. Key issue is to get the right structure for each stage of bidding/planning/delivery. [Bring back as a formal paper to the next meeting.](#)

9. **CCT Report** – Trust establishing a Community Interest Company called 'Lockside' for the Hollingwood development. Very busy with promotions with the James Brindley and new leaflet. Trip boats are very busy and have generated approx £7K since beginning of the season, but Seth Ellis has needed extensive works. Festival moving forward with successful working relationship with SW and Bassetlaw team, but H&S regulation changes mean increased expenses of up to £2K. CJ suggested some police decisions could be challenged s different divisions interpret regulations differently. Learning boat project is going well with works on the Python progressing and it will work from Kiveton Park to West Stockwith. Also sad to report the death of Keith Ayling and said the Trust had received may messages of condolence and support.

10. **Canal Festival** – SW shoed publicity posters, articles in Bassetlaw newspaper and Arts festival literature. Lots of support with great assortment of events. TRAX FM on board with a breakfast show promotion the week prior to the festival. The launch will be a breakfast buffet for dignitaries. Thanks and credit to CCT's Rod Auton 'Festival Director' for all his work. Provisional plans for the 2011 festival will be at Retford with Historic Narrowboat Owners club and have a historic theme. Funding issues need to be addressed for future annual festivals.

11. **Promotion and Publicity** – James Brindley, the CCT publicity trailer, is out and about on a regular basis, thanks to a very dedicated team of CCT volunteers. GC intends to revise the CCP website and will add engineering drawings. The news page is temporarily suspended due to lack of time for updating. There is a possibility that the CCT news page may be able to feed into the partnership site.

12. **Partnership Award** – this item is held over to the next meeting as Peter Storey and Andy Wickham are not present. The CCT and CCP awards should complement each other and consideration given to a 'Keith Ayling Award'

13. **AOCB** – refer back to item from last minutes on P6, letter to DCC re job evaluation and implications for partnership officers. [Chair is to refer the matter back to AW and ask him to deal with it urgently.](#)

14. Dates and venues for subsequent meetings

- Thursday 28th October at Retford
- Thursday 20 January 2011 at Chesterfield Borough Council Town Hall
- Thursday 14 April 2011 at the Idle Valley Centre (provisionally)
- Thursday 9 June at the new Hollingwood Lockside