

WATCHET BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held 9/4/2016

1. Previous minutes and matters arising :

No MA

2. Apologies:

Richard Holt, J Abbot-Gardner, Martin Stevens, Bruce Scott

3. Officers reports:

Commodore: None

Chairman: Suggested that Trafalgar Day be celebrated. To be discussed at future meeting.

Proposed (Sec C Danby) that £438.70 be given to Sea Scouts for purchase of equipment. Passed unanimously

RV had a chat with Tim Taylor summarised as follows:

When the Dredger returns from Wales, the dredging will of course resume in Watchet. There are however various improvements/modifications that are going to be implemented with a view to increasing the overall effectiveness of the dredger.

As was discussed at previous mud working group meetings it will still be some months before it is possible to determine just how good a job the dredger can do. It's encouraging that WHM are continuing to trial and invest to get the best situation with the dredger.

TT confirmed he is making further investments in support of Boat Owners, including such things as general maintenance improvements, a marketing programme as well as supporting Dr Rob Nunny works to get to trial with a new system of dredging that may be part of a long term solution.

On the outer harbour, he feels this is all down to the Council to determine their plans for dredging, and what finances they will allocate to them. TT has made it clear that the watchet dredger will not be used in the outer harbour due to its unsuitability with the risk of damage.

He wants to continue discussions with the Onion collective re the East Quay such that an agreement over the details of the project can be reached with them and the council.

TT offered his support for the Mud working group, as a forum for keeping all relevant parties communicating.

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Treasurer: not present

Cruising Sec: Details of planned cruises to appear on website.

Rowing sec: not present

5. AOB: C Danby suggested a talk given by various members sharing Local Knowledge.

Meeting closed 17.35