

MARPLE LOCKS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held at The Ring o' Bells on Tuesday 14th July 2009

Present: Peter Clarke, Alison Allcard, Bob Woodgate and Craig Wright.

ACTION

Apologies: Brian Nash, Malcolm Allcard and Paul Woodhead
Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters Arising

Lock 17 - Malcolm had been in touch with the guy from BW who drives the lorry, but he had said he could not deliver the stone to a third party's property. It was agreed as a last resort to ask BW to lift the stone outside their gateway and we would organise transport for it to the site.

MA

Wharf Development – BW had met with the Civic Society and it had been agreed to put a steering group together to look at alternative proposals; this would meet on Thursday.

Treasurer's report

Malcolm reported a balance of £643.39. Payments were £51.75 Hi Viz vests, donations of £30 each to Scouts and St Johns, £140.59 for the PA equipment and £500 to the Horseboating Society, a total of £761.34. We had received £65 in donations at the festival.

Task days

Locks 1,2 & 3 were now complete and work had started on Lock 4. 20th July and 1st August were already fixed and further dates were added: 10th and 20th August. Some discussion followed about the demise of the picnic tables at Lock 4. Alison would price steel replacements and ask BW if they would match our input. Pete has a contact for wooden ones. AA
The other picnic area at Lock 6 seemed to have been shelved for the moment – Pete would speak to Mary Lee. PC

Locks Festival:

It was generally agreed that the event had been a huge success, possibly the best we had run. The atmosphere had been great and there had been many favourable comments. Alison has sent thank you notes to Scouts, Red Cross, Arthur Procter, BW and SMBC, she will write also to Robinsons. AA
Pete will put the photos from Arthur on the website, Paul has copies of these for the publicity. PC

AOB

Planting of Lock 17 was discussed, comments had been heard that it looked tatty – Pete would have a word with Adrian Ellis. PC

September Open Meeting – Provisional date suggested was 22nd September – Alison would check the Guide HQ. we will try to arrange someone from Civic Society to come and update us on the Wharf Development, Alison will ring Alan Postill. Craig suggested we find some film footage of Ellesmere Port Boat Museum_ Alison will research this. AA

Date of next meeting Tuesday 1st September 2.30 at the Ring o' Bells (note change of time).