

MARPLE LOCKS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held at Top Lock Marine on Tuesday 1st Sept 2009

Present: Paul Woodhead, Alison Allcard, Bob Woodgate and Brian Nash.

ACTION

Apologies: Malcolm Allcard and Peter Clarke

In the absence of the Chairman, Bob took the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters Arising

None

Treasurer's report

Malcolm reported a balance of £668.49 having received a £25 donation from the Marple Civic Society. Alison had written to thank them.

Lock 17

The stone is now in the Ring o' Bells Car park, drilled and ready to go! Provisional date for dedication is 20th Sept but Pete will confirm this when he returns home. Paul will then notify the press and local councillors Craig Wright, Andrew Bispham and Sian Alexander.

PC/PW

Marple Wharf Development

The Civic Society are now in talks with BW who seem to be more sympathetic to saving the heritage of the area, ie the warehouse, maybe as offices, possibly housing New Horizons in the wet dock below. There could be a reduction in the number of houses – talks are on going.

There is also a possibility that the Toll Cottage could be made into a Heritage Centre, something our Society has long been promoting. Alison had canvassed members to see if we could provide some of the cover to man it at the weekends, this had a positive result. She was trying to get hold of a key to the place from BW to go and have a look.

AA

Open meeting

We can no longer have the Guide hut for meetings so Peter has booked the Church Hall at All Saints for 22nd Sept at 8.pm. So far no success with speakers, apart from Alan Postill who will update us on the Wharf Development. There is some archive film footage we could show. Alison will let Paul have the details as soon as she knows.

AA/PW

Quiz Nights

Peter had booked 23rd and 30th Sept for these, Alison had a team for 30th, Bob would also make up a team on 30th, possibly with Rod Shreeve, and he and Sue would join Malcolm & Alison on 23rd.

Picnic Site

BW had approached Alison about helping them with the proposed picnic site at Lock 6, she had agreed since the idea had come from us originally, also mentioned re-instating the one at Lock 4. Alison was to meet Matt Taylor for a site visit and would report back.

AA

Task days

The weather had been against us recently and we had had to do veg. management, firstly around Locks 14 -16, then around Possett Bridge. Hopefully we can get some more painting done soon. Dates arranged: 7th, 18th and 25th September.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 7th October 2.00 at Top Lock.