

MARPLE LOCKS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held at Top Lock Marine on Wed 15th Sept 2010

Present: Peter Clarke, Alison Allcard, Malcolm Allcard, Craig Wright and Rod Shreeve.

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Apologies: Carol Baggott, Brian Nash.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters Arising

Craig had not yet spoken to Ann Hearle about the tramway, he would do this. **CW**

Our team, Craig, Brian and Alison had enjoyed the Boules Tournament which was won by the Civic Society.

Treasurer's report

Malcolm reported a balance of £2632.45 which includes £1000 for the trail guides and £533 for the bench.

Subs are due in December. He considered that the membership and numbers at the work parties were falling off, the Society was not moving forward, more members would give us a better and stronger voice.

Craig thought that in the light of the Civic Society's 'Vision for Marple', there should be more emphasis on Marple being a Canal Town. He suggested we get a Civic Society member to come to all our open meetings to give an update on progress of this vision.

Marple Wharf

Nothing to report as there has been no meeting since May.

Picnic Site

No further movement on this, Alison would chase Nick Smith to see where BW are up to on clearing the site **AA**

Heritage Open Days

These had been most successful due, it was thought, to the added publicity from the Marple Festival. A total of 125 people had done the walks and thanks go to Pete and Judith for leading them and Carol for her back up on Sunday. The distribution of feedback forms does not work in our case especially as the forms had no return address. Next year, we need to audit our procedures more carefully and need back up on each walk for safety purposes. Thanks to Rod for dealing with the display boards at St Martin's Church.

Lock 17

The railway sleepers are still available at Rosehill Station, Craig will get them cut to length and let us know when they are ready for collection. **CW**

Task days

Recently we have gardened at Possett Bridge and painted bollards from Lock 13 -16.

Dates arranged as follows: 20th and 29th September and 7th October.

A.O.B.

Pete had been contacted by someone from Stockport about producing 'Audio Walks' of the area, he was to meet tomorrow and will make sure the Society gets a mention.

Craig asked for confirmation that we want to hold the Locks Festival during the Marple Festival next year,

This was agreed, preferably on the first Sunday of the Festival.

Date of next meeting Wed 20th October 2010 10.00 at 10 Manor Road. (Craig's house)