



Minutes

Title:	Future of Boat Licensing Review Commission	
Date:	19 May 2025	
Venue:	Teams	
Present:	Andrew Cowan Sir Chris Kelly Penelope Barber	Chair
In attendance Canal & River Trust:	Tom Deards Poppy Welburn	Legal & Governance Director Project & Infrastructure Lawyer

Governance		
36/25	Minutes are to be published from the Commission meeting on 9 May.	
Feedback on Work of the Commission		
37/25	<p>The Commission noted that the Trust's Chief Executive had done an interview with House, the in-house magazine of the Houses of Parliament which had made reference to the work of the Commission.</p> <p>Action: Trust to circulate copy of published article.</p>	Trust
Meetings with Boater Groups		
38/25	<p>The Commission had now completed 2 days of meetings with various groups and organisations. (on 16 and 19 May)</p> <p>The Commission agreed that the meetings had been very useful in gaining a greater understanding of the issues and views of stakeholder groups, with an opportunity to discuss possible solutions.</p>	
Further Meetings		
38/25	<p>The Commission agreed to schedule a number of additional meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a site visit in Central London, followed by a meeting with Trust Executive and senior management colleagues, to understand the Trust's strategic objectives for boat licensing. meetings with Trust Council members and the Trust's Navigation Advisory Group. meetings with Trust legal and operational colleagues to discuss the detail of options for licensing reform. It was confirmed that the Commission would be able to receive its own independent legal advice where it considered it necessary. <p>Action: Trust to plan details for site visit and meetings.</p>	Trust
AOB		
39/25	Further meeting dates were discussed, including a London site visit.	

