



# Minutes

<b>Title:</b>	Future of Boat Licensing Review Commission	
<b>Date:</b>	23 June 2025	
<b>Venue:</b>	Little Venice	
<b>Present:</b>	Andrew Cowan Sir Chris Kelly Penelope Barber	Chair
<b>In attendance Canal &amp; River Trust:</b>	Tom Deards Poppy Welburn	Legal & Governance Director Project & Infrastructure Lawyer

Governance		
40/25	The Commission noted that minutes for the meetings on 9 and 19 May were now published on the Commission webpage on the Trust's website.	
Engagement Survey Report		
41/25	The Commission approved the final version of the Engagement Survey Report from Campbell Tickell and were happy that a link to the Report was published on the Commission webpage.	
Meetings with Stakeholder Groups		
42/25	<p>The Commission met with various boating stakeholder groups on 16 and 19 May, as well as Trust Executive colleagues on 12 June, after the site visit to East London.</p> <p>The Commission was due to meet with Trust Council members, the Trust's Navigation Advisory Group and representatives of the hire boat and marina industry in the afternoon. The chair was also due to visit a hire boat operation.</p> <p>As these meetings were intended to be informal and discursive in nature, they were not formally minuted.</p>	
Further Meetings		
43/25	<p>A further meeting with Trust legal and operational colleague was scheduled for 8 July to discuss the legal framework for the issuing and enforcement of licences and the terms of the licences.</p> <p>The Commission also discussed scheduling of further meetings in July and August to begin scoping out the format for their draft report.</p>	
AOB		
44/25	As there was no further business, the Chair closed the meeting.	