

Manchester and Pennine Waterways

MANCHESTER AND PENNINE WATERWAY PARTNERSHIP

Notes of the third meeting of The Partnership, 13 September 2012 – Standedge Visitor Centre

Walter Menzies (Chair), Mark Turner, Iain Taylor, David Baldacchino, Jon Stopp, Nick Attended:

Smith, Nigel Stevens, Keith Sexton, Graham Birch, Julie Sharman, Lucy Rogers,

Heather Clarke, Marcus Chaloner, Gary Watt (ISIS presentation), Sue Kidd (University of

Liverpool).

Lynda Jubb, Chris Findley, Richard Sharland, Ian Banks, Tayo Adebowale, David Apologies:

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Progress our Plan by determining priority themes and areas for focus

1 Chair's welcome and introduction • Declarations of interest: None • Review of the notes of our second meeting – agreed as a true record: The group discussed the success of the last meeting at the Bohemia Bar in Castlefield which included the Partnership Trust Launch event with the Lord Mayor and good media coverage. WM/DB An away day event was discussed for the next Partnership and to have "Communications" as a reporting item. Canal Arts Tour is still being worked on. It was confirmed that the HNC Audio trail is almost complete, final version will go live GB towards the end of October. It will be accessible through the HNC website, The link will be put on the extranet. Would also be good to have a link from the Trust website. News/Updates: Projects through Rochdale and Calderdale are being worked on. The Pennine Prospects annual conference is 10 October. Audio trail and links to be revamped. Website went live last week through the Jam project. Star dot Star, newly launched, they set up websites for charities. A member of the group attended a forum of local community groups, people there to show where best to spend the money and identify problems on the canal, could be used to sort out wash walls, towpaths etc. It was pointed out that a lot of repair works are needed on the Rochdale canal. Drifters – a marketing consultancy are currently talking to our fundraising team. A Calendar is being produced which will be sent to all our "Friends". Other schemes going ahead including Co-op credit card, offering cheaper canal holidays. Members of the group attended the Lock 42 open day, which was described as a credit to the Trust. Our Enterprise Team recently met with CityCo, a report was circulated highlighting issues – the council are still happy to be on board with our plans.

The Trust chairman met with the M&P waterway chair and is pleased that the National



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	Trustees are showing an interest in each Waterway Partnership, they have offered any help needed to get things moving.				
	The waterway business unit are looking forward to starting the business plan and would like assistance from members of the group with the Risk Review aspect of it. Others will assist with setting up a workshop to develop the volunteering strategy.	KS/JS/ MT/NS			
	It was pointed out to the group that the Partnership will be asked to endorse the business plan – timescale is next year.				
	Guest attendee from the University of Liverpool was introduced to the group.				
	The "away day" was discussed again for the Partnership to discuss communications and work on the business plan together. An overnight stay, with a 2 day workshop/discussions was suggested.				
	The Waterway Manager said that he would be able to update on the business plan in December. The "magic money tree" was discussed and ideas were asked for from the group where best we can spend the money. The timeframe for the business plan was discussed and confirmed as; business plan – 1 year, Strategic plan – 3 years. It was stated that the credibility of the trust could be undermined by the condition of the wash walls and it was agreed that it was certainly the view of some customers.				
2	Rochdale Canal Festival				
	• Presentation on the Rochdale Canal Festival was shown to the group, which was a great success. This is the 6 th festival, more than 50 events held over a 9 day period aiming at getting people onto the canal who wouldn't usually use it and creating links with local businesses. This years' focus was on arts and culture. CityCo and Catalyst Arts Project put in a lot of time and effort. A member of the group assisted the volunteer events. Activities included Kayaking taster session, history tours, Biolitz, local poets created poems which were then allocated to each lock – these were submitted via the "write aloud" website. A copy of the presentation is on the Extranet. Canal boat residency have made a film "followinsideout.com" about living on a canal boat. It was discussed regarding broadening the festival to the HNC and making it the "South Pennine Ring Festival", and was agreed that the bigger the better.				
3	Current/Planned property projects in M&P				
	• Islington Wharf: Presentation: Islington Wharf waterside generation presentation was shown to the group. This was set up 9 – 10 years ago. A new school is shortly opening and a new Tram line has been installed with a New Islington tram stop opening this year. Original plan was 170 apartments which has now changed to 46 homes. It was suggested that a percentage of the development should go into improving the towpath and canal systems in that area. This has already been put forward and will be pursued.				
4	M&P Plan				
	 Update on partnership with Liverpool University: Guest from the University of Liverpool spoke about the opportunities for students to work with the Trust on projects, a handout was passed around of a brief outline of what that might entail. Students are international. There will be approximately 90 students, split into groups of 5 or 6, given their own projects. 				
	Workshop session – priority areas and themes: A presentation was delivered to the group on the Strategic Waterway Plan. A matrix of outputs will be reported	нс			



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	separately.	
5	Waterway Manager's / Enterprise / Communications reports	
	 Marple Aquaduct – Heritage Lottery Fund. If we get through the first round, the Enterprise Team will offer to do a presentation for the Partnership at a future meeting. 	
8	AOB	
	• Nil	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 8 – 9 November overnight, The Mill Hotel, Chester.	