



	<p>Trustees are showing an interest in each Waterway Partnership, they have offered any help needed to get things moving.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It was pointed out to the group that the Partnership will be asked to endorse the business plan – timescale is next year.</p> <p>Guest attendee from the University of Liverpool was introduced to the group.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>KS/JS/ MT/NS</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Rochdale Canal Festival</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the Rochdale Canal Festival was shown to the group, which was a great success. This is the 6th 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. 	
<p>3</p>	<p>Current/Planned property projects in M&P</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	
<p>4</p>	<p>M&P Plan</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>HC</p>

	separately.	
5	Waterway Manager's / Enterprise / Communications reports	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 8 – 9 November overnight, The Mill Hotel, Chester.	