



# NOTES - NORTH WALES & BORDERS PARTNERSHIP MEETING

**Date** 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2016

**Venue** Norbury Office

**Attendees** Brenda Harvey, Wendy Capelle, Barry Stamp, Alan Platt, John Yates, Belinda Davenport, Mike Carter, Campbell Boyle, Sara Mogel, Chris Koral,

**Other Attendees** Ani Sutton, Lesley Beard.

**Apologies** Frances Done, Gillian Edwards, Sue Cawson, Nicola Said, Helen Hall, Sarah Lalieu, Nicola Lewis-Smith.

	Action
<p><b>1. Welcome, introductions, apologies for absences (Brenda Harvey)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brenda Harvey thanked Campbell Boyle for his help arranging the pre-meeting tour at Gnosall.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2. Declarations of Interest (All)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Yates has now retired and all previously declared interests are cancelled.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3. Notes of previous meeting/matters arising (Brenda Harvey)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The notes were agreed.</li> <li>• Feedback to Brenda Harvey from Stuart Mills was that he and Brian Casey found the previous meeting which they attended very useful and interesting.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Waterway Update (Wendy Capelle and Ani Sutton)</b></p> <p>Report issued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community Engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Meeting held with Hannah Meer from the National Waterway Museum and Enterprise team to consider a future project working with local schools in Nantwich to replace the sculpture trail.</li> <li>➤ Meeting arranged to meet with Cheshire Dance Academy who are keen to explore ways of using the canals and rivers in the area to promote movement and dance.</li> <li>➤ Millionhands - meeting held with Scout Leaders from Chester to look at different ways of working with Canal &amp; River Trust.</li> <li>➤ Fishing taster has been undertaken with Gnosall Scouts.</li> <li>➤ The Youth Ambassadors programme has been developed for the World Heritage Site.</li> <li>➤ New member of FUSION has been recruited and is a seasonal member of staff from Anderton.</li> <li>➤ Following a meeting with a local community officer, a consultation event has been planned at Barbridge village adjacent to the Shropshire Union canal to engage with the community and local boaters regarding creating a community services hub in a local chapel. Facilities include toilets and showers could be installed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ani Sutton attended a meeting with Bettisfield Parish Council to discuss local projects, including a fitness trail along the canal.</li> <li>➤ Ani Sutton to be interviewed by Radio Merseyside on 24<sup>th</sup> July to discuss the National Go Fishing campaign. The waterway will host 5 events throughout August to encourage people to take up fishing on the canals.</li> <li>➤ Nantwich sculpture trail – Enterprise team in consultation on 20<sup>th</sup> July re: improvement of sculptures.</li> <li>➤ Cheswardine – fishing with local schools on 29<sup>th</sup> July.</li> <li>➤ Bettisfield – possible fitness trail to be put in place.</li> <li>➤ Market Drayton – Sue Cawson is part of an established group. Action plan in place.</li> <li>➤ Share the Space campaign events taking place on the following dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 6<sup>th</sup> August in Audlem – Doggie Doo Dahs.</li> <li>▪ 26<sup>th</sup> Sept to 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct (to include a spray day). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Plan for events to be submitted by 22<sup>nd</sup> August.</li> <li>○ More information to follow.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Go fishing – Blacon fishing sessions on following dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mon 25<sup>th</sup> July 1-8pm</li> <li>▪ Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 10-5pm</li> <li>▪ Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Aug 10-5pm</li> <li>▪ Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 1-8pm</li> <li>▪ Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 1-8pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Community Engagement Plan – issued at meeting. Partners to request further copies in advance of any meetings they are attending where these could be distributed. Ani Sutton to arrange for Welsh version to be produced. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ani to create starter packs, to include maplets, Friends info and Community Engagement Plan.</li> <li>➤ It was suggested that information packs could be produced for various projects.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Volunteering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As part of National Volunteering week, volunteers worked together to resurface 205m of towpath and painted 4 locks on the Audlem flight.</li> <li>➤ The newly formed adoption group of Gnosall Parish Council have commenced the much needed customer service improvement works along the towpath throughout their adopted area. So far to date they have completed repairs to approximately 50mts of towpath, refurbished canal side bench seating and picnic areas.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Operational <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Marsh Lock has now re-opened following emergency repairs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Customer Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Development of an online booking system is underway for Ellesmere Dry Dock and Frankton Locks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Signage Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Waterway is looking at ways we can promote the brand. Signage has been installed at three locations with banners installed in some high footfall locations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Trustees' Visit on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The visit was very successful. Brenda Harvey conveyed her thanks to Wendy Capelle and the waterway team for all the work they put into the event.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 31<sup>st</sup> July – Audlem Festival of Transport.</li> <li>➤ 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August – Open Weekend at Ellesmere Yard.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Social media – all to send Ani any interesting photos/ news to be uploaded.</li> </ul>	<p>AS/ALL</p> <p>AS</p> <p>ALL</p>

<p><b>5. Key Points from Waterway Chairs' Forum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document issued – ‘Draft Waterways Partnerships Key Measures’. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Brenda Harvey explained the purpose of the document and the importance for partnerships to be clear on what they are focussing on.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. North Wales &amp; Borders Business Plan (All)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated proposed programme issued at meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Chester &amp; Ellesmere Port Corridor (Sara Mogel, Brenda Harvey &amp; Gillian Edwards) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Canal of the Future programme of work and external engagement issued and discussed.</li> <li>▪ West Cheshire Ring – Mike Carter to send report of work completed and agreed that partnership’s health project work could proceed in Chester/Ellesmere Port.</li> <li>▪ Health pilot – Brenda Harvey met with Mersey Forest on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Wendy Capelle and Brenda Harvey to meet Heather Clarke on 8<sup>th</sup> August to discuss a report from a nationally commissioned study. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Workshops for health providers planned for 30<sup>th</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup> October.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Weaver Navigation (Mike Carter and Chris Koral). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mid-Cheshire Waterway Strategy to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.</li> <li>▪ Marshall’s Arm and Hunts Lock – Chris Koral to discuss with Duncan Davenport and report back at next meeting.</li> <li>▪ Freight – deferred until 2017 owing to problems with Marsh Lock.</li> <li>▪ Anderton is to be one of the key sites which Canal &amp; River Trust will focus on and develop. Wendy Capelle to meet with Brenda Harvey and Mike Carter to discuss how Partners can help to move this forward.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Rural Centre (Brenda Harvey) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Canal of the Future will be from the Ellesmere Arm by the town centre to Ellesmere tunnel. Brenda Harvey, Alan Platt and John Yates to produce a plan by 31<sup>st</sup> July with milestones. A consultation meeting is planned at the Ellesmere Festival on 13<sup>th</sup> August with Ellesmere Town Council.</li> <li>▪ Middlewich to Audlem Green Flag – Brenda Harvey and Wendy Capelle met with Graham Russell from SUMBA. Further meetings planned with Manchester &amp; Pennine waterway and other agencies to consider drawing up a programme for securing green flag status.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Midlands Gateway (Campbell Boyle, Sue Cawson &amp; Barry Stamp) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Market Drayton - Ani Sutton to discuss action plan with Sue Cawson and agree milestones.</li> <li>▪ Adoptions meeting – Lesley Beard to send calendar appointment to Campbell Boyle and Duncan Davenport for 11am to 1pm on 8<sup>th</sup> August at Northwich office.</li> <li>▪ Lesley Beard to send parish council list to Barry Stamp.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ World Heritage Site (Brenda Harvey) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussion with partners re: World Heritage Site Manager to be employed by Canal &amp; River Trust.</li> <li>▪ Event being arranged with health providers on 30<sup>th</sup> September as part of health project.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Montgomery Canal (Brenda Harvey, John Yates and Alan Platt) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Brenda Harvey met with Debbie Fifer and Welshpool Town Council to discuss plans for Aldi store, which will back on to the canal.</li> <li>▪ Brochure produced by Regeneration Team issued at meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Slipways (Alan Platt) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ongoing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>MC</p> <p>BH/WC</p> <p>CK</p> <p>WC/BH/MC</p> <p>BH/AP/JY</p> <p>AS/SC</p> <p>LB</p> <p>LB</p> <p>BH</p>

<p><b>7. Annual Meeting 2016</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date confirmed as Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 8am to 4pm. All to put date in diaries.</li> <li>• Apologies received from Campbell Boyle and John Yates as they will not be able to attend.</li> <li>• Exhibitions – handout issued by Sara Mogel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ 2 audiences – those who would like to know more about Canal &amp; River Trust and those who already have a lot of knowledge.</li> <li>➢ Can have up to 40 tables in the Concorde Room.</li> <li>➢ All to send comments to Sara re: groupings and potential exhibitors.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Breakfast meeting with Richard Parry planned for key stakeholders.</li> <li>• Morning presentations by Richard Parry, Brenda Harvey and Wendy Capelle.</li> <li>• Afternoon presentations aimed at members of the public.</li> <li>• All exhibitors from 2015 to be invited.</li> <li>• Fundraising team to be invited to sign Friends up.</li> <li>• Photography competition to be judged at the event. Subject is 'Life on the Waterways'.</li> </ul>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p><b>8. AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events – Wendy Capelle to send details of forthcoming events to everyone. Partners to attend where possible.</li> <li>• Business and Political Liaison meeting to be arranged with MPs, possibly at Westminster. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Brenda Harvey to discuss with Ed Fox.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Tourism – Belinda Davenport to provide feedback on Cheshire Canals' website.</li> <li>• Social Housing – Wendy Capelle to arrange meeting with Sara Mogel and Debbie Fifer from planning team to discuss social housing.</li> <li>• Scything – Belinda Davenport met with a scyther at Barbridge who is interested in teaching Canal &amp; river Trust volunteers how to scythe. Belinda Davenport to send details.</li> <li>• Central Shires waterway is being absorbed into other waterways.</li> <li>• Enterprise Team Update issued: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Montgomery Canal Restoration – a funding application for a £4m project to further the restoration was submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund in June. Decision expected in Sept 2016.</li> <li>➢ Llangollen Canal – greater canoe access as access points are now completed. Work beginning on the production of a leaflet and outreach sessions with young people from Plas Madoc Communities.</li> <li>➢ Marsh Lane Play Area, Nantwich near the Shropshire Union Canal – proposed scheme includes installation of a new wide slide, basket swing, rocker and new seating and safety flooring.</li> <li>➢ Restoration of Nantwich Aqueduct – the project has been selected as a finalist in the Living Waterways awards.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wales Briefing issued: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Historic Environment (Wales) Act – consultation has now begun on the guidance.</li> <li>➢ Water Act 2003 - abstractions - our consultation response is being followed up by Adam Comerford. Welsh Government have asked for a summary of issues.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>WC/ALL</p> <p>BH BD WC/SM</p> <p>BD</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ World Heritage Sites Youth Ambassadors programme engaging 13-25 year olds. HLF feedback on the Expression of interest was very positive suggesting the 6 sites chosen should be based on different operational models. While HLF felt this was something they would want to 60% fund, under the new youth funding in the early part of next year. Information about the programme should be available in the autumn. Development timescales are likely to be submission April 17th, development phase September to January 18th with the project starting March 18th.</li> <li>• PR/Comms Update issued: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Coming up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Go Fish campaign promoting several fishing events.</li> <li>▪ Hartford Wetland project part of the wider Saltscape Landscape Partnership scheme in the Weaver Valley. Carrying out some environmental improvement works. Great opportunity for some nice PR.</li> <li>▪ Promoting activity walks on the Montgomery Canal.</li> <li>▪ Issuing press release to launch photography competition.</li> <li>▪ Promoting consultation to improve Marsh Lane play ground in Nantwich.</li> <li>▪ Launch of Blacon Angling Club on the Shropshire Union Canal</li> <li>▪ Promoting Doggy–do-dahs event at Audlem.</li> <li>▪ Volunteer Lock Keeper feature at Bunbury Locks.</li> <li>▪ Issuing press release to promote Ellesmere open weekend.</li> <li>▪ Promoting ‘Share the Space’ events in September.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm to 5.00pm at the Burgeddin Office, SY22 6RU.</p>	

**Close of meeting** 4.50pm