

DROITWICH WATERWAYS (PAMELA MAY) TRUST

STEERING GROUP MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13.6.25 AT 2PM

At : The Old Cock Inn, Droitwich

The meeting was attended by James Cowlshaw (JC); Jim Gillespie(JG); Lynda Gillespie (LG); Andy Millward (AM); Mike Griffiss (MG); John Collins (John) Russell Killigrew (RK) & Tracey Killigrew (TK)

1. Welcome and Apologies :
LG welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from David Aspinall and Ian Williams.
2. Minutes of the meeting 11th April 2025 were approved and signed by LG.
3. Matters arising if not covered later in the Agenda :
NONE.
4. Report from Trustees :
All at AGM on Wednesday.
LG: Nothing from MR from meeting reference The Neighbourhood Plan, so will go onto the Council website- 48 pages to refer to.
5. Financial Report :
LG: £2384 at last meeting. Now over £6000. SumUp have sent over £600. £110 was paid into the Post Office this morning.
6. Fundraising.
Soft Toy Tombola to be held at Salt Fest. LG said that the Duck Race tickets were needed from MR
7. Container.
LG: asked who is the Councillor for Netherwych Basin? Can we find out and contact him?
JG suggested getting the local MP involved.
MG said overkill?
AM said –“has the fee been paid?”
LG said she had looked online but could not see.
8. Update on boat and documentation.
AM said he had telephoned Ortomarine yesterday who were working out a schedule.
They were hoping to see us by the end of June.
John said that he had got the grub screw and Keith had got the allen key. He said he needed to go to speak to Rob.
AM said that the boat was working fine.
John said he had to go online for the screws.

9. Training.

LG said Paul Mobey was ready for two trainees to qualify.

10. Crewing

JG said we were OK up to the end of the month, but we had vacancies in July.

AM said the yellow boxes where vacancies are, are useful

AM suggested a different email for couriers.

LG said there were more vacancies for the Cream Tea Trips, but the Fish & Chip Trips were filling up faster.

11. Bookings.

LG said they were still coming in.

One chap from Evesham has been in touch with his son and in-laws in the USA.

They are going to Ladywood.

Provisional bookings/ Cream Teas and Fish & Chip Trips almost full.

LG said AM is to raise at next Trustees Meeting.

12. Festivals.

The performer at Rik Mayall was over the moon. There was a full boat and people sat on the grass outside the boat

JC said Chris Board was one of the passengers and he was over the moon.

AM said we had not received any money yet but our profile was raised.

"Scam The Scammers" was the theme.

LG said the next Festival is Salt Fest but we are only doing Saturday and Sunday, although it starts the week before. She did email about setting up on the Friday and they said "Yes" and we have a double pitch.

LG said she had no idea if we had paid and she will speak to DA.

13. Future Trip Dates.

LG said The Carol Trips : when do we start?

AM said December 1st is a Monday and finish on the 19th.

LG suggested starting Wednesday 16th November.

AM said Santa Trips would be 13th and 14th December. LG said the trips were £6 last year and suggested £7 this year.

It was agreed to leave at £6.

John said we need to advertise on the Boat.

14. Publicity

Check with Spotted Droitwich and other FaceBook Groups.

LG will prepare a poster and we need to ask Geoff Briscoe if he will be Santa.

15. Environmental update :

JC will have a ???? with Sam about volunteering for CRT.

16. AOB :

JC said we should post our reviews on our Website.

LG said she send them to MG to post.

AM will speak to MR about the Wych WaterWays Newsletter.

17. Date Of Next Meeting.

Friday 15th August was suggested.

Friday 8th August was suggested.

Friday 22nd August was agreed.

Meeting finished at 15.25 and LG thanked everyone for coming.