

DROITWICH WATERWAYS (PAMELA MAY) TRUST

STEERING GROUP MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22.8.25 AT 2PM

At : The Old Cock Inn, Droitwich

The meeting was attended by David Aspinall (DA); James Cowlshaw (JC); Emma Williams (EW); Jim Gillespie (JG); Lynda Gillespie (LG); Andy Millward (AM); John Collins (John) & Tracey Killigrew (TK)

1. Welcome and Apologies :

LG welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Margarete Rowley, Paul Mobey, Ian Williams and Russell Killigrew

2. Minutes of the meeting 13th June 2025 were approved and signed by LG.

3. Matters arising if not covered later in the Agenda :

NONE.

4. Report from Trustees :

LG said that MR is not here.

5. Financial Report.

DA said the Current Account was £13,941.:

£10,000 had been transferred from the Reserve Account into a new account, which has been set up.

LG said that she had checked that morning and the balance was £3,941.

DA said the Reserve Account was at 6,137. but there had been a payment by way of a donation of £30, from the couple that had been rescued and towed back to the Basin.

6. Crewing/Christmas Trips.

EW said that we need to pin people down.

LG said the Carol Trips are starting on Wednesday 26.11.25 and will finish on Friday 19.12.25. That equates to 17 trips- all on weekdays.

7. Fundraising

TK said she would need a SumUp machine for the Tombola.

LG said it was a good idea to have two.

LG said we have the Duck Race too.

John asked about EasyFunding.

There were 7 only supporters so far. Lots had dropped off but eBay was still on.

AM said he would mention it at the HiYa meeting

8. CONTAINER.

Still no further forward.

John said we got the quotes in January 25, but we were still waiting for the council.

EW said, she would telephone the Planning Department for an update.

9. Update On Boat & Documentation.

AM said that we have had the new throttle fitted.

John said the lift battery is not holding charge but is nearly 5 years old.

There are x2 batteries. One takes two full days to charge. The other charged in just over half a day, which suggests that one is on its' way out, so they have been swapped round and seem to be holding.

John said it was about £100 to £150 for a new battery.

DA said when were the solar panels last cleaned?

AM said at least once a month.

John said we need to get OrtoMarine down to check them.

AM said he would ask them.

LG asked if it was worth replacing as we will need the lift for the majority of the Carol Trips.

Margaret Rowley (MR) arrived at this point.

JC said we could empty the container after the next HiYa meeting.

MR asked where all of the stuff will be put?

AM said we will get rid of a lot

MR said we might need to change the date so that Worcester and Birmingham can come and see what they want to keep.

AM said there was still some a loss of power with the boat. We should keep an eye on it.

JC said there was a problem with the reeds.

AM said David Hatfield had to get down the reed hatch twice on one trip, as the reeds had been cut but not collected.

John said it was the same yesterday and it felt that the throttle was not balanced.

10. Training.

AM said that Paul Mobey still has a couple that need to qualify

11. Bookings.

LG said there was one new one for 6.9.25, a 2 hour trip to Salwarpe, otherwise there were 5 trips in September. We had had plenty of enquiries but no bookings

12. SaltFest

AM said that the SumUp was sorted.

LG said there were Duck Race Tickets.

13. Publicity.

LG said the only advert was for Santa Trips for 1 day.

EW said the date might clash with the Rugby Club.

LG asked if we should change our day.

AM said we can ring the Rugby Club and then make a decision.

LG said 750 new pamphlets had been printed but we had only received 350 so far.

MR said we will have to sort the Christmas Cards.

14. Enviromental Matters.

MR said we need to get a working party and speak to CRT.

15. AOB.

JG said there was reference to the Neighbourhood Plan at the last meeting.

Was there any update?

MR said she had made a submission and had emailed it.

JC said that Nick Trow had telephoned and said we need to keep this area for CRT.

DA said we could take a party up to Ladywood.

16. Date Of Next Meeting.

LG said October?

Friday 24.10.25 suggested.

Friday 24.10.25 agreed. AM will book the room.

MR said she was away so the 17th was agreed instead.

LG thanked everyone for coming.