



Unlawfully Moored Boats Enforcement Group Minutes #9

Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 10:00 – 12:00
Town Hall, St. Aldate's Room

Chair: John Copley (JSC)

Confirmed Attendants: Chris Bell (CB); [REDACTED] Simon Manton (SM); Russell Robson (RR); [REDACTED] (SW); Matthew Symonds (MS)
Paul Townsend (PT); Christopher Wood (CW); James Pownall (JP); Nathan Vear (NV); [REDACTED] (NF); Sarah Malyon (SMal);

Apologies Simon Boden (SB); Cllr Colin Cook (CC); Michael Crofton Briggs (MCB); Richard Wyatt (RW)

Minutes: Simon Manton

Item	Topic	Action	By
1.	Welcome (apologies as above):		JSC
2.	Matters arising from previous minutes (not already on the agenda):		
	SM - RTA Meeting – Contact made several times awaiting new dates due to the consultation document.		All
	RR - Waterways Plan – OCC need to engage	Waterways Plan to be circulated	CB
	JSC –We need a response UMBEG plus individual sub-groups.		
	MS – Imminent announcement from Network Rail Re: Castle Mill & C&RT		
	TH – Questioned whether a Notice should be served on Network Rail?		
3.	Waterside land – acquiring ownership / control		
	CW updated the meeting-		

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	<p>Plot H – [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Plot D & E - [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Plot F – [REDACTED] are searching their deeds. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Plot C – [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> <p>JSC – We need to think about Plot F issues.</p> <p>CB – PSPO could be used and enforced to cut through these issues.</p> <p>NV- Requested clarification of objective of the group.</p> <p>JSC – We don't want waterside plots of land without established ownership. To gain control of the bank via ownership; deal with associated problems eg noise, ASB, littering, dogs.</p>	Update at next meeting	CW
4.	Abbey Road – civil enforcement model and future limits on mooring		
	<p>CW – Updated that we now have ownership. SF – Env Agency (EA) are now to use “NSL” for enforcement starting in April. CB – EA manage East with extra berths from OCC PF – Notice not required as now our land. JSC – Discussed East Street signage.</p>		CB
5.	Boat lifts and removals - progress		
	<p>RR – Updated that there are 18 illegally moored boats. [REDACTED] removed, [REDACTED] now gone & [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is now sinking in the same location as a previous unlicensed boat. This is owned by a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] seen in unison [REDACTED]. RR contacting TVP in case there has been a theft of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] currently moored at Donnington Bridge. [REDACTED] now tied up at Salters Folly Bridge.</p> <p>RR – Kingston Byelaw is in place and they have 27 illegally moored boats. Also raised concerns regarding issues around some of the boaters and</p>	To Progress	RR

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	<p>agencies involving fraud, housing benefit payments & mooring fees.</p> <p>JSC – Requested invoice from RR.</p> <p>CB – Moved [REDACTED] on it contained a family.</p>		
6.	Substandard living conditions on the water – EH Powers		
	<p>SMaL – Introduced herself to the group. Explained she has looked into legislation covering conditions on boat. The Housing Act cannot be used for boats. Possibly EPA Act 1990, premises can be a vessel. Must be prejudicial to health / nuisance. If a Stat Nuisance a S80 could be served. Works in Default would be an issue as we would not be able to claim back costs leaving financial implications. Public Health Act may help with a filthy & verminous, vessel may be treated as a house or a building. Serve notices on owner & occupiers.</p> <p>SM & PSST to visit boaters.</p> <p>RR- A Master in Maritime legislation can be owner or occupier</p> <p>JSC –The Members should have a briefing note on conditions.</p> <p>CB – Advised care visiting as some boats are covered in excrement & drugs paraphernalia. Police & EA should be in attendance.</p>	Member briefing note on conditions	SMaL
7.	Canal & River Trust Welfare Presentation		
	<p>SW – Introduced himself as C&RT Welfare Officer explaining that this is a new role. Had prepared presentation but will forward this. His role encompasses sign posting vulnerable people to appropriate agencies, charities and organisations for support. Six key indicators;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Financial 2. Alcohol & substance abuse 3. Age 4. No support 5. Cannot comply with licence conditions 6. Mental Health issues <p>He is writing the Policy for this and it must be transferable across sites.</p> <p>MS- Most engagement came from enforcement. Individuals provided support but this need to be across the organisation. Water Chaplin's provide face to face support in addition.</p>	Send Presentation out to group	SW

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	SF – The EA have nothing like this and Oxford is a hotspot for vulnerable people on boats. JSC – Nothing in Oxford similar, need to align this approach from C&RT to the rivers.		
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8.	Vulnerable boaters & homelessness		
	JSC – Non-attendance by Dave Scholes to present this and as this is important and timely suggested that this be put onto the next meeting.	Place on next month's Agenda	DS
9.	Progress with waterside PSPOs		
	<p>CB – Updated that there has been movement forward with the PSPO. There are three stages. Stage 1: Contact landowners. They are in agreement. Stage 2: Present to Members Stage 3: Consultation period Possibly May or June this could be in place. Considering additional issues –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inconsiderate mooring, spikes & ropes • Damage & theft • Pollution & waste • Smoke / noise • Litter • Items encroaching on the towpath • Dogs & dog fouling • Lighting fires • Alcohol • Detrimental treatment of the wildlife <p>There is a requirement for signage and advertising.</p> <p>JSC – TVP need to attend to be part of this process as a major partner. An extra meeting when PSPO goes live would be a good idea.</p> <p>SM & CB – Outline use of Community Protection Notices (CPNs).</p> <p>JP – There must be evidence of ASB. CB – There is plenty.</p>	<p>Update at next meeting</p> <p>Invite TVP to next meeting</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>JSC</p>
10.	Future meetings (including Chairing)		
	JSC updated group regarding his retirement from		

