

OPEN MEETING

UMBEG – Unlawfully Moored Boats Enforcement Group

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014

Town Hall, Plowman Room

**Present:**

**Chair:** John Copley (JSC)  
**In attendance:** ██████████ (ES);  
**Partners:** Cllr Colin Cook (CC); Chris Bell (CB); ██████████ (NMS); ██████████ (SM); Tom Hassall (TH); James Pownall (JP); Matthew Symonds (MSy); Alison Cassidy (AC); Daniel Newton (DN); Chris Wood (CW); Robert Parker (RP); Simon Fisher (SF); ██████████ (NF); Paul Townsend (PT);  
**Apologies:** Michael Crofton-Briggs (MCB); Matt Strange (MS) - Simon Fisher (SF) representing from EA); Jeremy Franklin (JF)  
**Minutes:** Tamar Bowley (TB)

JSC began the open meeting by welcoming ██████████. ES was the only attendee present. ██████████ called earlier in the day, explaining that he hoped to attend, but has an engagement in London at the same time.

JSC reminded the group of the purpose for the open session of the issues from open members of the public to raise issues.

ES thanked for the stockidge – hope to recruit people who would be eligible for moorings? In reference to single mothers, problem on the river with sanitation points to get a pump out - best option may be to have keys from Hythe Bridge street.

**Cllr Cook**

Premature for nomination rights to take up moorings – only take forward if this affected city council land with moorings; private individuals will have their own views

CART will enquire re: access for keys

**ES didn't bring any questions to the Panel, but instead shared the following information:**

1. ES explained that he could expand upon these minutes, but he was not expecting anything to happen at this stage.
2. ES expressed the concerns from BOAT in relation to the moorings, which have caused distress by the Isis pub with a stream of unsightly and un-kept canal boats. ES explained that they were able through FOIs to establish when the River Users Group (RUG) was due to take place. As a result, RUG were unaware of these issues, but were willing to address these in their next agenda.
3. ES believed that there were a few inaccuracies in the minutes from the last meeting and didn't remember saying, *All UMBEG can do is look at enforcement. Where could these issues be negated – informally residing in Oxford.*

*UMBEG response: JSC agreed to make any minor adjustments that are appropriate*

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4. ES requested that UMBEG use the BOAT email address for all future correspondence. ES will send this address to TB.

*UMEG response:*

- *JSC added that as this address was not available at the time, notes were therefore sent individually to ES, MB & AJ.*
- *All future correspondence will be forwarded as requested once the email address has been received*

### Date of next meeting

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 14:00 (Town Hall, St Aldate's Room)**