

Minutes of LUCS Management Committee Meeting held in the Tea Room at the Canal basin on Monday 9 November 2015

Present: Duncan McIntyre (Chairman), Allan Melling (Vice Chairman), Pat McIntyre (Secretary), Ronnie Reis and Lynne Nelson.

1. Chairman's Introduction – The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone along.

2. Apologies – Apologies from Douglas Robertson and Barbara Mckenzie.

3. Adoption of Minutes from previous Meeting – Minutes proposed by Ronnie Reis and seconded by Allan Melling.

4. Correspondence received: No correspondence has been received.

5. External Meetings: Duncan attended the LCVG meeting and spoke to Andrew Stevenson who is responsible for maintenance on the canal.. Duncan handed round a presentation from him. Allan is meeting with him soon. He is interested in using Colin G to help with maintenance of branches, etc.

6. AGM Preparation: Various forms were handed round. Nomination forms were put out.

7. Funding for new boat: Duncan has spoken to Leader and funds are being released next spring. He has spoken to Northwich Boats and they have quoted £144,000. He has contacted a company re windows for the new boat.

8. Conveners' Reports

Premises: (AM)

The central heating boiler had been looked at by the plumber but is still faulty. Filter to be checked this week. The cabinet in the MGC has now been started. The benches on the quayside have gone to West Lothian Council for refurbishment. The new webcam is up and running.

Marketing (DM)

Duncan is meeting Peter Wilson on 18th November re the itinerary for cruise ships docking at Queensferry next year. The first winter talk by David Shirres on Russian Railways took place on 30th October. The next talk on 27th November is by Ian Brodie on Polish Canals. The first talk of next year will be given by Hamish Brown on Scottish Canals on 29th January. Santa's Grotto leaflets to be given out on 28th November at the Advent Fair.

Tea Room:

The installation of a new sink unit for the tea room is still being investigated. The next time the tearoom is open will be the Christmas Santa weekends. Rotas have been filled.

Boats (RR)

The two weeks in dry dock for St Magdalene and Leamington were very successful. St Magdalene has passed her survey New lettering has been put on St Magdalene and the hull has been blacked. On Victoria the generator charging light has been fixed. Gear box has been sourced. This is to cost £651. The engine on Slateford was checked at the weekend and started first time. Ronnie asked if Colin G needs to be certificated. Duncan to look into this. Work sheets have been made up for all boats. Ronnie has contacted Scottish Canals re Leamington's BSS certification. Norman Foulner has contacted Ronnie re MCA paperwork. We should be doing more fire exercises on boats. Chris Hunt to be consulted on this.

ACTION DM, RR

Bookings (DS)

David and John Aitken have been looking at prepayment. David has sent out an email detailing proposals on this. It was decided to speak to Douglas on Saturday to find out his views on this.

Treasurer (DSR)

The following figures were given by Douglas.

The balance in the Bank of Scotland account is £66,273

Savings Account is £59,248

Fun Day: (LN)

Organisation of next year's Fun Day is well under way.

10. Any Other Competent Business:

Scottish Canals have revisited the pontoon at Bridge 49 Bistro. This is dependent on the trans-shipment basin being fully occupied.

Cala Homes want to build 68 houses close to the canal. Residents have asked LUCS to become involved.

Steve Dunlop of Scottish Canals is holding a talk to canal users in the Burgh Halls Linlithgow on Tuesday 17th November at 7.30. Duncan to attend this.

Allan spoke about drivers for Santa weekends. Allan to organise this.

ACTION DM, AM

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE AGM ON THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2015