

Minutes of LUCS Committee
9th July 2024

1. Chairman David welcomed Andy Eaglesfield, Lynne Nelson, Doug Scott, Mike Smith, Peter Lewis, and accepted apologies for absence from Ronnie Reis.

The Chairman expressed the view that key issues for this meeting were Fun Day, Victoria's future, and any actions that should arise as a result of the collision between St Mic and Victoria.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on a motion by Lynne Nelson and Doug Scott.

Matters Arising

2.1 It was agreed that handover information for drivers should be made more apparent as a larger box on the existing Driver's Checklist, to enable more useful info to be passed. All Drivers to have this brought to their attention . Revise sheet accordingly. **Action D Sh.**

3 Boat Operations / status

3.1 Tom McPhie now has full BML, and unique authority to carry up to 60 passengers(!)

Doug Scott still accumulating hours.

3.2 Battery boats: trials using a small conventional outboard were very successful: Andy E to seek source of a suitable small motor.

Chairman will offer return of two of the three boats to Scottish Canals' Richard Millar.

3.3 Tech / Certification / Dry Dock

Alister Mackie and Ronnie Reis to discuss any modifications. St Mag to Dry Dock 7th Sept for OOW MCA Inspection.

3.4 Communications to find Victoria drivers needs to establish minimum cost revision to reduce current uncertainties.

Lunch Cruises to be extended to September: advance notification of Drivers will be needed; create Watsapp group for Vickydrivers **Action PtP**

Contact number for finding help from within a search group of numbers -on call roster?

Action DSh

Recent issues with Victoria reliability may mean using other boats to maintain commitment.

3.4 Special Cruises. Musical? Doug Scott will make proposals

3.5 Boat Status.

St Michael inverter (AM / RR to report).

4.0 Basin Operations

4.1 Museum Roster . Andy E controlling. Noted that PtP wishes not to be rostered.

4.2 Yard Clearing. Need to clear for Victoria refit: sort 'keepers' from 'chuckers' AE to organise. U66 frame requires to be moved and made ready for presentation. Requires cautious handling: heavy, awkward and fragile.

5.0 Promoting Heritage - held over.

6.0 Projects

6.1 Victoria refit. Scope to be refined, and summary of processes to be prepared

Simple guide to be presented.

Action MJS

A preliminary cost breakdown estimate was tabled, and will be developed. **Action AE**

6.1.1 Funding . Approaches continue with some success..

Continuing Action IG

7.0 Health & Safety

7.1 Accidents and Incidents

7.1.1 The implications of First Aid Kits lacking facilities for minor injuries were noted (arising from incident at Winchburgh).

7.1.2 Report 118 was presented, covering collision between St Michael and Victoria, and its recommendations for procedure reinforcement and additional rope-handling familiarisation amongst all who may find themselves assisting accepted. A briefing note to be prepared.

8.0 Events

8.1 Fun Day. All preparations in hand.

8.2 Town Events - went well, despite fewer numbers participating in Marches.

Being LUCS Half-Centenary next year can we plan something really striking for Marches, and develop Black Bitch content?

8.3 Halloween cruises - under consideration.

9.0 Marketing

9.1 Basin Banter keeping members well-informed with advance notice of Wheel events.

Social media and physical posters at crucial sites are key elements.

10.0 General management

10.1 Finances sound, but numbers not fully recovered to pre-pandemic days.

10.2 Booking system glitches still in discussion with s/w developers.

10.3 Charter overlaps to be guarded against

10.4 It was suggested that Ken D could shadow Doug S

10.5 A FAQ list to be developed

Action DSh

Date of Next Meeting — 30th July