

Minutes of LUCS Management Committee Meeting held in the Tearoom at the Canal basin on Thursday 12 March 2015

Present: Duncan McIntyre (Chairman), Douglas Robertson (Treasurer), Pat McIntyre (Secretary), Allan Melling (Vice Chairman), Barbara Mckenzie, Ronnie Reis, David Shirres and Lynne Nelson

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

2. Apologies – There were no apologies.

3. Adoption of Minutes from previous Meeting – Minutes proposed by David Shirres and seconded by Barbara Mckenzie.

4. Correspondence received: David has heard from the Scottish Maritime Museum re the horse drawn barge owned and used by LUCS in the past. It is in really poor condition and ready to be broken up. David to find out if there is any part which we could display at the basin. David asked if anyone wanted to go along and see it.

Duncan has received an email re Learmonth Gardens across the road regarding how it is used by surrounding properties. He has responded to this as LUCS have permission to use it for stalls, etc. on Fun Day. **ACTION DS**

5. External Meetings: Duncan referred to an email from Stewart Liddle which has been circulated to the committee. It refers to BML courses for drivers. Duncan has contacted International Rescue today re this. They are willing to set up a course for us consisting of First Aid, water safety and Fire safety. The committee agreed that this should go ahead. **Duncan to speak to Stewart**

We have been invited to the official opening of the Kelpies on 3rd July. It was agreed that we should take Victoria and Douglas agreed to drive there. David to take Leamington out of circulation to use for the midweek trips. **ACTION DM and DS**

6. Committee Reporting Structure Update: David asked who was responsible for drivers and that a list of drivers should be available on the web site. This has now been sent to Elspeth.

7. Website development: A meeting was held last week. This is now being fine tuned. There will be another meeting when Graeme Nixon returns from holiday.

8. Conveners' Reports

Premises: (AM)

Allan reported that a new flag has been ordered for the gates.

Marketing (DM)

Duncan reported that with the season approaching he has ordered leaflets to publicise this and the Society's 40th birthday celebrations. An article written by David Shirres will appear in this month's edition of the local magazine – The Black Bitch.

Tea Room:

There will be a pre season clean up of the tearoom and a stock check in the next few weeks with a trip to the Cash and Carry. Pat and Barbara to check on crockery for the 40th Birthday meal. The tearoom floor is being re-sealed and new mats purchased.

ACTION BM and PDM

Boats (RR)

The reconstruction of Leamington is going very well. David to take Leamington out of the booking system until mid May. Ronnie to contact the chap who does 'roses and castles' paintwork for boats to decorate the doors on Leamington – Lynne to send Ronnie his email address. It was suggested that Richard Miller comes along on the day she is relaunched. St Magdalene needs repair work on the bilge pump. Ronnie has repaired the rot near the chimney in Victoria.

ACTION RR and LN

Bookings (DS)

David suggested we should move to a 'payment in advance' facility. He thinks this should be introduced after the end of the season and will work on this during the year. There are a few school trips in the next few weeks. The tearoom needs to be changed around to cope with these as the MGC is still being used re Leamington upgrade. Bookings are picking up including a Falkirk Wheel trip charter. David has produced a plan re the proposed trip to the Kelpies. This is to be put on the web site to ascertain the response.

ACTION DS

Treasurer (DSR)

The following figures were given by Douglas.

The balance in the Bank of Scotland account is £58,304.65

Savings Account is £59,060.85

Douglas has heard that Eleanor Carfrae has broken her hip. Pat to send flowers.

Funds have been augmented by £500 from Lloyds Bank re Lynne Nelson from their matching funding re volunteering. The driveway resurfacing has been completed this week. We have to send a receipted account to Land Trust to enable them to release funding.

Mention was made in the accounts this year re directors' duties. Douglas to circulate these amongst the committee.

ACTION DSR

Fun Day:

Lynne has spoken to the police and the road will be closed on the day with barriers being erected. David has to submit a form for funding for fun day. Douglas to arrange insurance for Slateford for the day.

ACTION DR and DS

9. 40th Birthday Update:

Invitations have been sent out. A flier has also been printed for the Saturday. Sixteen boats are now lined up for the flotilla. There will be a meeting this Saturday.

10. Any Other Competent Business:

Allister Mackie has sourced a new waste pump costing £700 plus vat. The committee agreed to this but **Allan** to speak to Allister to ensure this is the best available.

Edinburgh Canal Fun Day is 27th June. Leamington to go to this.

Douglas is still pursuing the project re changing St Magdalene's roof.

David to speak to Alan Hayes re putting LUCS news on line.

THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 13 APRIL 2015