

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 6th JUNE 1998

1. Apologies for absence.

Geoffrey Barnett, John Denton, Geoffrey Rogerson, Andrew Sherrey and Nikki Timbrell.

2. Accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 25th April

Item 15. Denis has no recollection of agreeing to sort this out.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

There is no further news on the waterways code.

Facilities for the disabled is progressing under Philip Cambers of the Fieldfare Trust.

B.W. and E.A. are having a consultation meeting about joint licensing at Watford on 21st ~~June~~ July.

E.A. have produced a document on Coarse Fishing. Many groups including the Trent Coarse Fishing Ass. are against the proposal. It was noted that this issue has been taken up by David Daines.

4. Channel dimensions proposals.

Philip circulated a copy of B.W.'S fresh proposals.

B.W. state that they are unable to do anything about rivers because they are tidal. It was pointed out that their predecessors did. B.W. appear to be downgrading in the NE. with the proposals going against the recommendations of the NE. regional manager. Peter Foster is to send summary of key points and annotated copy to Peter Lea. ACTION PETER FOSTER

Philip Ogden to go to 14th June NINF meeting to state NABO view. ACTION PHILIP OGDEN

It is difficult to go against hNBOC proposals. Penny ~~our~~ ^{THEIR} proposals. to discuss with them with the idea of amending ~~our~~ proposals. ACTION PENNY.

It was agreed to take this as far as a public enquiry if necessary.

5. High intensity licences

Apparently we "completely misunderstood" the proposal so it is being dropped for the time being.

Wendy is to acknowledge letters received but not to publish them. ACTION WENDY

Nigel and Penny to organise a press release with IWA, AWCC etc. to show that we are all working together on this issue. ACTION NIGEL and PENNY

6. Sheffield & South Yorkshire order

Waddingtons have been using barges since 1968 so they started a High Court action which the minister blocked. Sue is to contact Waddingtons, send a copy of our objection to the proposed order, to offer our support and to ask to be kept informed of further developments. ACTION SUE

7. B.W.'S plans for East Anglian waterways

We read Peter Lea's letter to Glenn Millar. It was commented that B.W. hasn't the money to make improvements. Peter Foster told us that B.W.'S improvements on the Trent and the subsequent publicity had created havoc with more boats and not enough moorings.

8. Franchises and acquisitions

There are now three final options :-

- a) to leave B.W. as they are.
- b) the B.W. trust.
- c) to franchise out parts of the waterways.

B.W. have been asked to advise the minister. IWA have come up with a knee jerk reaction and issued a press release.

NABO needs to see a consultation paper before it comments, but has praise for the independent thinking. Peter suggested letters to the waterway mags after July's editorials, (Please send editorials to him from C&R and C& Inland Boater), **AND LETTER TO ANGELA EAGLE** ACTION PETER LEA

Roger Davies told us about B.W. buying a marina near Dunstable

9. Council work load and priorities

John absent

10. Rallies and marketing

Pellsal was talking to the converted. Braunston, there was much concern about the High Intensity licence. Tony Mason and David Smith helped at the trailboat festival. Many thanks from council.

There was concern that NABO was not in the programme at Braunston and that we were pushed into a corner, not given an open space as requested.

Volunteers are wanted for Sunday and Monday at Salford. ACTION SUE

A table with sales ware is to go to the Aylesbury rally. **PL TO CONFIRM THIS IS OK WITH ACS** ACTION PETER

Christine is to check with Andrew about the ordering of sweat/shirts. ACTION CHRISTINE

11. Regional meetings - attendance

Harry Winter is unable to attend meetings.

Roger Davies needs a list of meetings and will write to all members in London area to try to get the London meetings covered. ACTION ROGER

The nocturnal activities at Little Venice at the Toll House were reported on.

Denis is again requesting council members to let him know names of people attending meetings. ACTION ALL COUNCIL

Wendy is to publish in NABO news that we have speakers to tell boat clubs etc. about NABO. ACTION WENDY

The national stoppage list was passed round for comments. It was thought to be better thought out this year. The meeting is to be attended by Christine (in a silent

capacity) and Denis. Where and when the date list can be obtained is to be published in the News. ACTION WENDY

No running of engines or generators is allowed on a 48hr mooring at Cropredy. Geoff Rogerson to write to Simon Ainley stating this is against B.W. regulations and is this to be introduced throughout his area. ACTION GEOF ROGERSON

Stourport. It was reported that Bob Clarke had done us a favour in exposing Roger Herringtons lies. An apology is wanted from Mr Herrington for the amount of our time that he has wasted. Denis is now happy to leave the matter.

12. Other meetings and developments.

Nigel's letter to Canal & Riverboat caused an exchange of views between Peter Lea and David Fletcher. The Trent river users and NABO are the ~~only~~ ^{MAIN} ones to have done any research into the boat safety scheme. It seems that B.W. are giving licences without a BSC in some cases.

We received a list of IWACC appointments, not an apparent boater amongst them.

Peter Foster reported on the rubbish problem on the Trent with each body passing the buck. Peter Lea to write to Stuart Sim and Craig MCGarvey. ACTION PETER LEA

Lock manning was discussed along with sea locks and safe havens. Worry about safety, with self manning, who is responsible if it goes wrong with more than one boat in the lock.

There was concern about hireboats going out in flood conditions on the Calder and Hebble. There are proposals to build a marina at Kirklees.

On the Aire and Calder there are concerns about a toxic dump and incinerator with an unloading area at Stanley Ferry. Peter Foster to advise local members to contact E.A. ACTION PETER FOSTER

Middle Level Commissioners have agreed in principle to have a licence. Sue to write asking for more details. ACTION SUE

13. Finance

No report

14. Membership

Boat Safety questionnaires have reduced to a trickle. NABO news to print a reminder. ACTION WENDY

The next meeting is to have agenda item on affiliated members. Nigel is to do a rough draft on the proposal. ACTION NIGEL

15. Press matters

All letters to waterway magazines from members of the council need to be cleared by Peter Lea first. ACTION ALL COUNCIL

Wendy is to sort out the press date for the December news to suit stuffers and to find out why NABO News has been late recently. ACTION WENDY

WENDY NEEDS ARTICLES EARLIER to give her time to publish NABO news. Articles that can be printed at any time would be very useful.

Peter Foster is to produce with TBA Trent navigation notes. Peter to thank the author on councils behalf. Wendy is to turn these into book form. ACTION PETER FOSTER & WENDY

A press release is needed about the High Intensity licence.

16. AOB

Letters received on red diesel were passed to Peter Lea. Peter to thank writers via NABO news. ACTION PETER LEA

Peter Foster gave us further news on the Trent

Ike Argent's list of occupied Winding holes was passed to Wendy for publication. ACTION WENDY

End of minutes

Please remind reps to submit written reports to accompany the agenda. The ones I get are very helpful when typing up the minutes Sue

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter', with a long horizontal line underneath it.