

Lichfield Waterworks Trust

26 November 2015, Duke of York, Lichfield

Attendees;

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gill Bellenie</li><li>• Ian White</li><li>• Stephen Sanders</li><li>• Robert Mullarkey</li><li>• David Dundas</li><li>• John Horton</li><li>• Chris Pattison</li><li>• Richard Green</li><li>• Peter Chester</li><li>• Kate Gomez</li><li>• Phil Bowers</li><li>• Carole Marks Barber</li><li>• Simon Pearson</li><li>• Russell Smith</li><li>• Clive Roberts</li><li>• Joe Rutherford</li><li>• Mike Battison</li><li>• Peter Ralley</li><li>• Paula Dumolo</li></ul>	<p>Apologies;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dave Moore</li></ul>
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## 1. Minutes of Meeting Agreed

Minutes of meeting of 29 October agreed subject to amending Item 2 to clarify that the proposal put to Persimmon suggests the 90 day timescale would run from the date of an agreed photographic schedule of condition, not the date of the meeting (23 October). Proposed by DD, seconded by GB.

## 2. Access to Sandfields

Following the meeting held at the Lichfield District Council Offices on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, attended by Cllrs Mike Wilcox and Ian Pritchard together with Tim Brickley from Persimmon Homes and Dave Moore, Gill Bellenie, David Dundas and Chris Pattison from LWT, a proposal dated 6 November 2015 has been submitted to Persimmon Homes Ltd for the handover of Sandfields Pumping

Station and the surrounding land currently owned by Persimmon Homes to the Lichfield Waterworks Trust. Tim Brickley is leaving his position with Persimmon Homes before Christmas so pressure is being put on him to reply substantively to the proposal before then. Councillors Wilcox and Pritchard and Michael Fabricant MP have been copied in and notified about the progress so far.

### **3. Task Force Proposals**

LWT are in consultation with South Staffs Water with regard to carrying out basic maintenance work at two of their non operational sites, namely Brindley Bank at Rugeley and Crumpwood Ram Pump House near Uttoxeter. Asbestos clearance awaited from SSWC. A scheme to generate electricity using the water turbines at Crumpwood was still under investigation, with further information made available to CP this week.

#### **Action CP/DM**

Investigations into the refurbishment of two information boards to reflect the Lichfield Water Story were ongoing. Awaiting reply from Rotary Club after sponsorship funds requested from them.

#### **Action GB**

It was understood that an application for a Heritage Lottery Grant was to be submitted to carry out certain improvements around Stowe Pool. KG had met briefly with Ruth from the Parks Department to offer support and information. A drop in session at The Hub, Beacon Park, is planned for 11am to 3pm Saturday 28 November to see what the community views are. 3 walks around Stow Pool are being planned for May 2016 as a pilot.

### **4. Chairman's Report**

LWT have been successful in applying for a grant towards a gazebo to be used at Fairs, Fetes, etc. A very generous sum of £1000 has been awarded, enough to buy a light but strong gazebo, gazebo sides, and to have personalised lettering on the gazebo. A cheque presentation will take place in the next few weeks. Thank you Bower Charitable Trust.

The proposed interviewing of more former South Staffs Water employees would be held over until after Christmas.

#### **Action CP/DM**

DM has made making presentations to the St Chad's Rotary group and Lichfield City Council . Talks are planned for the Lichfield Women's Group and to U3A in February 2016 and the Round Table 41 Group in December. A talk to a local scout group was also planned.

#### **Action DM**

Visit to Leawood Pumping Station on 1<sup>st</sup> November with Cllr Ian Pritchard was a success.

RG made a well-received presentation to Lichfield Discovered on 9 November and will present to the local IET branch at Higston Village Hall 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm. KG to add to Facebook page, CP/DM to attend with donations tin if possible.

#### **Action RG/KG/DM/CP**

Heritage Weekend September 2016 will have the Lunar Society as its theme. A brainstorming session will take place in December which it is hoped an LWT representative can attend.

## **5. Treasurers Report**

CP circulated the current financial report. The current combined bank and cash in hand balance was £1,353.12 (plus a £162 uncashed cheque).

Opening a new bank account for LWT was still ongoing. DM/GB/CP have made a joint visit to the local HSBC branch and the account is expected to be opened within 2 to 3 weeks. The Virgin giving system can then be activated, but not from the present web site. Work required to address this.

## **6. Committee vacancies**

7. Social media expertise needed (see above). Suggestion that an advert be placed with CVS but job specification needed first. Subcommittee to consist of DM, SP and RG to be set up to write a job description to include content management specification, web presence requirements, migration from existing sites and time needed per month estimate.

### **Action DM/SP/RG**

## **8. Site Report**

Site appears secure.

A discussion on site boundary treatment took place. Site is presently unfenced but this may need to be changed in the future. Await Persimmon Homes response.

## **9. Profile Raising and Publicity**

Branding; IW had received some in house ideas for a logo featuring 3 spires and water. He will pass to DM and committee.

### **Action IW**

Short leaflets to give out to public telling them about Sandfields and LWT's aspirations are needed. Subcommittee to be set up to include DM, SS, DD to draft flyer, initial work to be done electronically.

### **Action DM/SS/DD/RG**

Following Philip Manton's suggestion last month, it was agreed that the Conduit Lands Trust should be approached to establish common interests and goals.

### **Action CP**

Lichfield Energy Group to be contacted for sustainability advice once Sandfields access was possible.

## **10. Future Events**

Sunday 29 Nov Lichfield Discovered Walk from Sandfields along canal ending at Duke of York Pub. Meet at 11am at Sandfields.

A Christmas Fayre and Georgian Market are taking place in Lichfield 6/Dec, 12/13 December respectively. LWT to take part next year.

Lichfield Civic Society are meeting Friday 4 Dec at 8pm St Mary's, to hear a talk on Listed Buildings

Next meeting, 28 January 2016 to be used partly as a brainstorming session to focus on our vision for LWT and what we want to achieve. Flip charts and post it notes to be provided.

A meeting with Staffordshire Historic Buildings Trust is to be arranged in January. It is hoped to see the options appraisal commissioned by LDC in 2013 as a result of that meeting (which Persimmon said they had never seen!)

Patron / President – leave on agenda.

## **11. Any Other Business**

Paul Bettson's engine collection – a future visit would be arranged.

Link to scouting organisations – walk and talk offered, Carole to stay in touch.

### **Action CMB**

Membership – A formal membership structure would be put in place when LWT took possession of the Sandfield's site.

Peter Ralley and Paula Dumolo from Alrewas Arts introduced themselves. They are willing to assist with community engagement, HLF bids, heritage interpretation, etc.

Mike Battison, Environmental Director of Lichfield and Hatherton Canal Trust introduced himself and offered his support.

## **12. Future Dates**

Date of next meeting – Thursday 28 January 2016 at the Duke of York, 7:30 pm. Room booking to be checked. There will be no December meeting.

### **Action GB**