

## The Broads Society

### *Minutes of the Southern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28 April 2011 at 7.30pm at Silverline Marine, Brundall*

**Present** Robin Godber and Colin Dye

**In attendance:** Carol Palfrey (Administrator)

It was noted that this meeting was not quorate but it was agreed to proceed on a provisional basis. In the absence of Peter Waller, Robin Godber (Vice Chairman) took the chair.

1 **Apologies for Absence** had been received from Peter Waller (Chairman), Don Cleaver, Thelma Gascoyne and David Trower

2 **Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 24 February had been circulated and were agreed as a true record.

3 **Matters Arising**

3.1 Free Quay at Oulton Broad (Minute 5.2)

In the absence of Peter Waller, there was nothing to report.

4 **Planning Application – Deal Ground, Norwich**

This had been considered by the North Rivers Sub-Committee at their last meeting. Bryan Read had been invited because of his extensive knowledge of the site and Cally Smith, Head of Planning and Regeneration at the Broads Authority had offered to attend to explain this complex application.

Both Colin Dye and Robin Godber expressed concern that they had not been invited to this meeting. The Administrator offered her apologies since this had been due entirely to an oversight on her part.

A copy of the minutes of the NRSC meeting had been circulated which summarised the comments made by members. The SRSC supported all the points made and, in addition, suggested that the response should include a question as to whether the arrangements for opening and closing the bridge had been considered.

Robert Paul had contacted Colin Dye to ask if he could provide a boat so that members of both committees could view the site from the water. However, Colin pointed out that this would be impractical because of the time it would take to make the return journey from Brundall. He suggested that, if members wished to arrange a trip, a boat should be hired from City Cruisers who could provide an evening cruise to accommodate those committee members who had work commitments during the week. The Administrator would contact Robert Paul.

The Administrator explained that Norwich City Council had permitted an extension to the deadline for comments but only until 6 May. She had therefore been asked to prepare a draft response incorporating comments made by both Sub-Committees which she would circulate for comment.

## **5 Matters Arising from Main Committee**

The Administrator gave a brief oral summary of the matters discussed. These included:

CNP - annual subscription £1,362.90 paid

500 Club – fall in membership to below 250 would result in reduction of annual prize. The Administrator was asked to send a membership application form to Robin Godber.

Proposal to appoint a Project Officer

The Committee had discussed the report by the sub-group established to discuss the proposal. The Group would be reconvening on 5 May to prepare a second report taking the Committee's comments into account.

The Committee had agreed to discuss a Corporate Membership Scheme at the next meeting.

It had been agreed that a letter be sent to the Charity Commission informing them of the transfer of the Lady Mayhew Bequest to the Norfolk & Suffolk Broads Charitable Trust.

Funding for the Film Project had been secured from the Broads Authority Sustainable Development Fund. Colin Dye reported that the report in the EDP had made no reference to the Broads Society. He undertook to send the Administrator a copy.

A new leaflet had been prepared by Nick Balls. NRSC members considered this to be an excellent publication. Colin Dye reported that he had obtained back issues of Harnser and was now giving them to clients of Silverline Marine together with a copy of the leaflet.

The commissioning of a Society banner for public events had been agreed, as well as a supplementary banner reading "Join Now".

On Tuesday 24 May at 11.00 there will be a ceremony at Geldeston Locks at which the interpretation boards, funded by the Norfolk & Suffolk Broads Charitable Trust would be unveiled. Members of the Main and Sub-Committees would be welcome to attend.

The AGM will be held at the Norfolk Broads Yacht Club on Saturday 26 November.

## **6 Matters to be raised by Committee**

There were none

**7 Planning Applications dealt with since the last meeting**

A list had been circulated. Robin Godber enquired whether the application for redevelopment at Langley Abbey was for new work or a retrospective application for work already carried out. The Administrator would investigate.

**8 New Planning Applications**

Applications received during the past two weeks were considered.

**9 Date of next meeting**

Thursday 9 June at the Conservative Club, Beccles

There being no other business, the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.

Signed.....(Chairman)

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