

BROADS SOCIETY

Minutes of the Main Committee held on Monday 13th May 2019 at the Crown Inn, Catfield

Present: Paul Rice (Chairman), Keith Bacon (Vice-Chairman), Di Cornell, Colin Dye, Anne Filgate, Mike Filgate, Mike Jenner, Paul Savage, Pat Simpson, Peter Smith, Jill Wickens.

In attendance: Sarah Vergette (Administrator).

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
Robin Godber, Peter Howe (CNP Representative) and Tony Slack,
- 2 **Declaration of interests**
Nothing to declare.
- 3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 11th March 2019.**
The minutes, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 4 **Matters Arising**
Nothing to discuss.
5. **Finance**
The year-end accounts had been prepared ****
6. **CNP**
Nothing to discuss.
7. **Broadsword**
Paul Savage informed the Committee that no work was being carried out at present as it is nesting season.
8. **Broads Charitable Trust**
Peter Howe had sent an email saying that the total income from donations in the last financial year was nearly £24,000. They still struggle to control admin costs to sensible levels because of the big admin burden of running Love the Broads and maintaining good relationships with their business partners. But they have big plans to launch a new Broad's wide project to try to attract larger sponsors. BCT have a 10th Anniversary event on 22nd May, a river trip, when the idea will be launched. The Trust also continue to develop their relationship with the BA as this will help in our approaches to bigger donors. We have developed a new Business Plan for the next five years, copies can be provided.
9. **Broads Forum**
Keith Bacon attended the most recent Broads Engage meeting, the topic was conservation, it was reasonably interesting but there was nothing new. The format lacks topicality.

Peter Smith stated that there had been a surge in the parishes attending this event.

10. Publicity & Promotion

A Publicity Committee meeting had recently been held mainly to discuss the future of Harnser. Paul Rice reported that quotes had been obtained for printing Harnser and mailing. A new gazebo has been purchased and was used at the Thorpe event. Pens have also been purchased, these have been engraved with "The Broads Society" and the website and will be sold at events.

The Publicity Committee had agreed to publish Harnser as a committee if Jill Wickens ceased being Editor. It has previously been agreed at the Main Committee meeting that the cover should be "full bleed". Jill stated that she would continue as long as she has material but she could not produce a "full bleed" cover as her software was not set up for it. She has enough materials for July and October.

Keith Bacon stated that nothing should be changed too drastically as members are used to Harnser as it is, we would not like to lose existing members.

Paul Savage stated that lots of organisations now have electronic versions. Di Cornell agreed that a contingency plan needs to be in place.

Jill was upset that she had not been invited to the publicity meeting, she had been to see Barnwell Print about the Christmas cards and calendars. There was some confusion over the photographs for these. David Edleston was going to give Jill some photos to chose from.

Di Cornell proposed that if Jill has the images some blank cards should be printed to be sold at events, Mike Jenner seconded this with all in agreement.

Jill stated that October will be her last issue.

Peter Smith hoped to produce a newsletter shortly, it was agreed this should be circulated to the Main Committee for approval before it is sent out.

New volunteers are needed for the publicity committee.

Di Cornell said that the Fringe Event will be held in Stalham on 26th May, Peter Smith will attend and Mike Jenner agreed to help in the afternoon.

Peter Smith stated that perhaps there should be a separate sheet for the AGM to go in Harnser rather than a separate booklet.

11. Harnser & Website

Nothing further to discuss.

12. Issues of Concern

- 12.1 Pylons – Lowestoft to Norwich – nothing to report at present
- 12.2 Solar Farms and Wind Turbines – nothing to report at present.
- 12.3 River Chet – nothing to report.
- 12.4 Water Quality – Di Cornell reported that someone at Martham is continually complaining about grey water in the river.

- 12.5 Climate Change Adaptation – Paul Rice stated that the Environment Agency is re-writing the flood plan for Potter Heigham, they are changing the flood zone.
- 12.6 Acle Straight – The A47 Alliance is going before Parliament.
- 12.7 Norfolk Hub and the Norwich Northern Distributor Road (NDR – nothing to discuss.
- 12.8 Fracking – nothing to report
- 12.9 Refuse disposal – nothing to report.
- 12.10 Eel Sett – The BA are giving two evening walks, the Broads Society had not been informed.
- 12.11 Future Provision of Moorings – Paul Savage saw a report from Adrian Clarke outlining proposals to review the Integrated Access Plan, he has corresponded with Nicky Talbot, Head of Navigation, who is looking into this. Colin Dye stated that the Broads Society should be looking at provision for moorings, casual moorings need to be reinstated.
- 12.12 Future of Hickling Broad – Nothing to discuss.
- 12.13 Anti-Social Behaviour – Nothing to discuss.

13 Rivers Sub-Committees and General Planning Matters

- 13.1 North Rivers Sub-Committee (NRS-C)
Paul Savage reported that he and Peter Smith had been to Marina Quays to look at the site and Paul has since corresponded with the BA. The proposal is for six buildings, three are brick houses and the other three are too small to be classed as full-time residences. The EA has lodged an objection.

Pat Simpson asked if Northern Rivers Committee were planning to help at Stalham Staithe. Pat asked if the Committee could ask Stalham Town Council to do something, Paul will write to the Town Council saying they are concerned about the situation. Keith suggested quoting the situation at Catfield regarding the squatters.

- 13.2 Southern Rivers Sub-Committee (SRS-C)
Peter Smith stated there was nothing to add to the minutes which had been circulated.

- 14 A.O.B**
Nothing to discuss.

- 15 Date of Next Meeting**
The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 8th July at 7pm in the Crown, Catfield.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.20p,.

Paul Rice
(Chairman) Date