

BROADS SOCIETY

Minutes of the Main Committee held on Monday 8th July 2019 at the Crown Inn, Catfield

Present: Paul Rice (Chairman), Keith Bacon (Vice-Chairman), Di Cornell, Peter Howe (CNP Representative) Mike Jenner, Tony Slack, Peter Smith, Jill Wickens.

In attendance: Sarah Vergette (Administrator).

1 Apologies for Absence

Colin Dye, Robin Godber, Paul Savage and Pat Simpson,

2 Declaration of interests

Nothing to declare.

3 Minutes of the Meeting of 13th May 2019.

The minutes, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Stalham Staithe

Di Cornell stated that the Stalham Business Forum had written to the Broads Authority but had received no response. Paul Savage had been in discussion with Stalham Town Clerk. Keith Bacon left the meeting at this time to attend Stalham Town Council meeting where this matter was to be discussed.

4.2 AGM

Robin Godber suggested alternating between How Hill and the Yacht Club, this was agreed and the date set for 16th November. There was some discussion regarding a speaker. An approach will be made to the Broads Authority Planning Department to speak about the Local Plan. Di Cornell offered to speak about the Thurne Bungalows. This will be discussed again at the next meeting along with ideas for the Lady Mayhew Trophy.

4.3 Boat User Survey

Mike Jenner had prepared a draft of an idea to carry out a survey of boat users on the Broads. This will be circulated via email in the next few days. Mike stated that a lot of this would have to be done through the Hire Boat Federation and the Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association. Di asked if the survey could be put online as it would be easier to do. Peter Howe asked if the Broads Authority could help, the Broads Charitable Trust had a leaflet that went out with the Toll requests perhaps the survey could go out in this way.

Mike Jenner said he thought the BA should be receptive to the outcome. The Broads Society's basic function is to gather information and act upon it.

Peter Howe went on to say that there was someone at Larking Gower who may be able to help with creating the survey, he will enquire.

It was agreed that this was a very good idea.

5. Finance

The year-end accounts have been audited and approved. These were signed off by Paul Rice.

6. CNP

Peter Howe had circulated a letter from CNP regarding the Glover Review. CNP wish to strengthen the terms used to public bodies to further the purposes of National Parks. They are asking the Broads Society to support them in this and have sent a letter which they would like the Chairman to sign. It was agreed to support CNP in this.

Peter went on to say that there is a new Chief Executive, perhaps she could be the guest speaker at the AGM. CNP are planning the Autumn Conference in London for the Autumn this will celebrate their 70th anniversary.

7. Broadsword

Nothing to discuss.

8. Broads Charitable Trust

Peter Howe reported that the Trust had a successful boat trip to celebrate their 10th anniversary, there were 80 people on the trip including grant recipients. They used this opportunity to talk about what the Trust has achieved; they want to change tack to be more proactive and propose things. They would like to see more emphasis on better access for the Broads, more should be done to help people to enjoy the Broads. There is a suggestion of discovery hubs in key locations on the Broads. The Trust has decided not to have a deadline for giving grants.

Paul Rice stated that Eilish Rothney had agreed to work with the Broads Society to do walks and talks for the Eel Sett. However, there is a problem with access as the Broads Authority have the key and will not pass it to the Society.

9. Broads Forum

Nothing to discuss.

10. Publicity & Promotion

Di Cornell congratulated whoever had put everything together for the Royal Norfolk Show, it was not a good location. Youngsters need to be engaged to draw in the adults.

Peter Smith stated that there is are events at the Museum of the Broads and Raveningham at the end of the month.

Jill Wickens asked if there were any answers to her questions resulting from the previous Publicity Committee minutes.

David Edleston had chosen photographs for the calendar and cards.

Paul Rice stated that tote bags had been discussed, Di stated she had mixed feelings about this and Jill felt it was not necessary to have merchandise. Di thought a burgee would be better.

Peter Smith had drafted a survey, based on a CPRE survey, he hoped this could go out with the AGM information. He asked Sarah to retype it.

The Newsletter had gone out to the parishes, Paul Rice suggested that District Councillor should also be approached.

There was some discussion regarding the list of free copies of Harnser recipients. Mike Jenner suggested asking them if would like to become members and if they wish to continue to receive Harnser. Jill thought they should still receive their free copies. The list will be circulated for comment.

Paul Rice reported that there had been an advertisement in a free publication and suggested giving a donation of £25 to the publication. This was agreed.

Robert Paul has submitted an article to the EDP which should be published shortly.

Di Cornell thanked Jill for her last edition of Harnser, Jill has received many emails thanking her for an excellent edition.

11. Harnser & Website

Peter Smith reported that Nick Balls had put a link to Twitter on the website.

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 – Nothing to report.
- 12.5 Climate Change Adaptation – nothing to report.
- 12.6 Acle Straight – Nothing to report.
- 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 – As above.
- 12.11 Future Provision of Moorings – Nothing to discuss.
- 12.12 Future of Hickling Broad – Nothing to discuss.
- 12.13 Anti-Social Behaviour – Paul Rice reported that there had been a few incidents recently in Horning. Di Cornell stated that she gets annoyed by the Hemsby Inshore Lifeboat going at a ridiculous speed along the river. She had previously done a plan showing where the roads meet the river but there is no communication.

13 Rivers Sub-Committees and General Planning Matters

- 13.1 North Rivers Sub-Committee (NRS-C)
Nothing to discuss.
- 13.2 Southern Rivers Sub-Committee (SRS-C)

Peter Smith stated the SRC was making progress regarding Pye's Mill, Dr Packman had offered a trip with a Ranger. There are three abandoned boats at Pye's Mill.

There is also an issue with Loddon Staithe which Peter has discussed with James Knight who I showing an interest. There is concern that this will become a private paid for site.

14 A.O.B

Peter Smith brought cards and calendars to the meeting.

15 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 9th September at 7pm in the Crown, Catfield.

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

Paul Rice
(Chairman)

Date