

Sarina Young

From: Sally Ash
Sent: 25 April 2012 17:53
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Oxford - UMBEG

Dear [REDACTED]
My sincere apologies for long delay in replying – I was away and then had a mountain of stuff to deal with on return. As I mentioned in previous message, John Copley is best placed to brief you further. I do not retain copies of minutes etc. There is no formal memo of understanding and I've not been privy to any budget information (BW has not contributed).

Regards
Sally

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 April 2012 20:13
To: Sally Ash
Subject: RE: Oxford - UMBEG

Dear Sally,

Thank you for providing me with the information below about the Unlawfully Moored Boats Enforcement Group. As you have been kind enough to offer to accept direct questions from me, I would be grateful if you could expand on the brief notes you have sent me and send me the following information:

- The minutes of the Unlawfully Moored Boats Enforcement Group meetings to date
- The terms of reference and work plan of the Group
- The Memorandum of Understanding between the parties in the Group
- A breakdown of the budget of the Group
- Any correspondence that you have regarding the Group
- Copies of the briefings that you have sent to the Group

Thank you very much.

Best regards,
[REDACTED]

From: Sally.Ash@britishwaterways.co.uk
To: [REDACTED]
CC: Damian.Kemp@britishwaterways.co.uk; jcooley@oxford.gov.uk
Subject: Oxford - UMBEG
Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2012 10:45:07 +0000

Dear [REDACTED]
Damian mentioned your interest in Oxford's UMBEG group, and as I've had some involvement in it, I thought you might welcome these brief notes about it. As Damian mentioned to you, we have no problem in taking queries from you direct, particularly when they are specific. This is better for everyone – you get the info quicker and we save FOI admin overheads.

- UMBEG stands for Unlawfully Moored Boats Enforcement Group
- It was formed by Oxford City Council a couple of years ago in response to strong pressure from local councillors, who in turn were responding to pressures from her constituents

- Purpose of the group was to increase understanding of moorings issues amongst statutory bodies with responsibilities relating to use of Oxford's waterways and adjacent landholdings.
- As you know, Oxford's waterways mainly comprise the Thames and its backwaters. The Oxford Canal's mileage within the city is relatively small.
- The group includes various senior officers of the City Council and representatives of the Thames Valley Police, EA and BW. (I attend about one meeting in three – we don't have local staff with roles that include both enforcement and moorings provision and this is why I'm the representative – it's not a huge distance from my home.)
- The aims of the group are to reduce unlawful use of waterside land and to work to create new residential moorings. The early period of work involved mapping waterside land ownership and understanding which moorings were lawful and which were not.
- The meetings are not open to members of the public, but the group will consider questions submitted in writing in advance of meetings.

I hope this information is of assistance. If you need anything further on this subject, John Copley OCC's Head of Environmental Development will probably be able to help.

Kind regards

Sally

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