

# OPEN MEETING

## UMBEG – Unlawfully Moored Boats Enforcement Group

Long Room, Town Hall

12<sup>th</sup> September 2012

**Present:** Sally Ash (Canal & River Trust); Chris Bell (City Leisure – OCC); Councillor Colin Cook (Chair - Lead Member); Sherri Cross (Direct Services – OCC); Jeremy Franklin (Law & Governance – OCC); Colin Hounslow (Environment Agency); Paul Townsend (City Development – OCC); Ian Thompson (City Leisure – OCC); Karen Franklin (minutes)

**Also present for open part of meeting:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Agenda Item	Actions
<b>Open meeting:</b> There were 3 questions that had been provided prior to the meeting which are minuted as attached.	

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# UMBEG Responses to questions

### *Previously submitted questions/issues*

#### **Questions**

**Q1. Submitted from [REDACTED]** – Who would UMBEG suggest boaters requesting moorings should approach other than the Environment Agency and Oxford City Council?

**A1.** *UMBEG would suggest that boaters contact riparian owners. C&RT advertise all available moorings on their website*

*[www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/boating/mooring](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/boating/mooring)*

**Q2. Submitted from [REDACTED]** – Why were Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue not consulted as to the placing of the boom, OF&R being the emergency service with responsibility on the river in Oxfordshire?

**A2.** *The boom is on EA waters and consultation was carried out. .OF&R are aware of the boom and have expressed no concerns*

**Q3. Submitted from [REDACTED]** - Who is responsible for the actions and training of the enforcement officer?

**A3.** *UMBEG has noted [REDACTED] comments and has advised that the formal complaints procedure is used if he deems it appropriate.*

Date of next meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012