

CONFIDENTIAL - CLOSED MEETING

UMBEG – Unlawfully Moored Boats Enforcement Group

Long Room, Town Hall

12th September 2012

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

Apologies : Geoff Corps (Direct Services – OCC); John Copley (OCC); Steven Miles (Environment Agency); Nick McKie-Smith (Environment Agency); Laurie Taylor (Community Response Team – OCC); Robert Parker (Thames Valley Police); Jan Warner (Thames Valley Police); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];

Matters arising that are not already on agenda:

Boom installation – SA reported that the chain is still needed to be installed however as this is such a small task it will be incorporated with other works in the future by the installations team.

[REDACTED] – JF said that [REDACTED] has responded to the [REDACTED] confirming that they have no interest in the land. PT has issued a [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] which expires on 17.09.12. CC suggested that we are now at a position where we need to progress a business case to [REDACTED] detailing that OCC need to seek possession of the land with Land Registry. IT suggested that an approach is made to the County to suggest a joint application. CC circulated a recent paper re. encampments and possible actions. (Attached separately).

JC – to submit paper to [REDACTED] re possession of land at [REDACTED]

New Resident's moorings in the City – SA reported that the C&RT are currently identifying sites for potential moorings. The previously suggested [REDACTED] has now been deemed to be not viable for the C&RT to take forward for a variety of reasons, however they are not adverse to a partner organisation developing a site here on their behalf. CC said that he is currently in discussion with City Development with regards to identifying potential sites across Oxford.

Feedback on Procurement - item deferred to next meeting as no report available

KF – to ensure report received from Procurement

Signage – CB advised that the signs will be ready for the (end of the month.) He confirmed that the signs will only be erected where ownership is clear.

CB – update at next meeting of progress of signage

Registration of Council owned land

[REDACTED] CB reported that the recent application to register [REDACTED] has been rejected by the Land Registry, he was unsure of the reasons, JF said he would contact SS (Legal) to confirm reasons behind rejection. If it appears to be because of lack of evidence, then [REDACTED] could be approached to assist on historical research for evidence.

[REDACTED] CW not pursued this, CC expressed disappointment as this should have been actioned. CW asked to ensure it is progressed urgently.

KF – to approach [REDACTED] for assistance in research

CW – to urgently seek land registry registration

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<p>Request for permanent moorings at [REDACTED] – CW explained that this land is let on licence to [REDACTED] upon renewal requested for [REDACTED] to be added. PT said as the existing boats [REDACTED]. CH stated that the EA would in principle agree although a [REDACTED] may be needed [REDACTED]. RW reported that the local plan states that residential moorings will be agreed on off channel basins unless in exceptional circumstances. Group decided that these were exceptional circumstances and therefore should be agreed. JF suggested that if there was an opportunity for OCC [REDACTED], CC agreed stating that we should also ensure that any moorings are fit for purpose (i.e. services installed etc). CW to discuss separately with SA to seek guidance on the issues of management of moorings.</p>	<p>CB – to report back agreement in principle</p> <p>CW – to seek guidance from SA re. management of moorings sites.</p>
<p>Enforcement at [REDACTED] – SA confirmed that the land is owned by [REDACTED] on one side and [REDACTED] on the other. [REDACTED] and EA have met and a patrol (along with TVP) is going out on an enforcement visit next week. JF said that [REDACTED] could seek an injunction along with [REDACTED] to prevent reoccurrences of unlawful mooring. [REDACTED]. CC said he thought that [REDACTED], and was concerned that [REDACTED] would result in [REDACTED]. SA agreed to [REDACTED] in the first instance. CC asked that Legal review [REDACTED] and feed back to UMBEG with [REDACTED].</p>	<p>SA – to ensure enforcement is carried out at [REDACTED]</p> <p>JF – to review [REDACTED] and report back to UMBEG</p>
<p>[REDACTED] – item dealt with under registration of Council owned land</p>	
<p>AOB</p> <p>CB – expressed concern over recent behaviour experienced whilst carrying out enforcement. JF suggested that he meet with JC and [REDACTED] to ensure that the Council's position is clearly laid out.</p> <p>CH – a further FOI has been received by the EA</p>	

Date of next meeting – 6th November 2012