

CONFIDENTIAL - CLOSED MEETING

UMBEG – Unlawfully Moored Boats Enforcement Group

Jury Room, Town Hall

07th November 2012

Present : Chris Bell (City Leisure – OCC); Councillor Colin Cook (Lead Member); Jeremy Franklin (Law & Governance – OCC); Paul Townsend (City Development – OCC); Richard Wyatt (City Development – OCC); James McDowell (minutes); John Copley (OCC); Steven Miles (Environment Agency); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Gemma Cleaver (Law & Governance – OCC)

Apologies : Sally Ash (Canal & River Trust formally British Waterways); Sherri Cross (Direct Services – OCC); Colin Hounslow (Environment Agency); Ian Thompson (City Leisure – OCC); Chris Wood (Corporate Assets - OCC); Geoff Corps (Direct Services – OCC); Nick McKie-Smith (Environment Agency); Laurie Taylor (Community Response Team – OCC); Robert Parker (Thames Valley Police);

1. Matters arising that are not already on agenda:

Attendance – Recent meetings have noticed a fall in attendance, for future meeting we should request a representative be sent if a member cannot make the meeting.

Chain installation – The matter has been raised with the engineer to set a final date for installation.

Procurement – This will need to be picked up following [REDACTED] departure.

Signage – The current signage project is in progress, CB asked stated that assistance may be required from the EA in order to reach areas by boat. SM agreed to assist when contacted.

[REDACTED] – The register of the title for the land has been successful, this came through last week.

This now raises the question of when and how to enforce. Issues were raised due to weather and river conditions at this time of year, and potential negative press from evictions close to Christmas. Also until issues in surrounding areas are resolved [REDACTED] downstream.

It was decided that as a first action residents should be contacted via letter to inform of the new land title, with a view to potential enforcement [REDACTED]

CB agreed to draft a letter for review by JF.

Permanent Moorings at [REDACTED] – To be discussed at the next meeting.

[REDACTED] enforcement – Following an email received from Sally Ash re Enforcement action CC stated that he will reply with the opinions from a council perspective.

JMc to take look into actions to date

CB to draft letter for JF to review for [REDACTED]

CC to contact SA with a response to her previous

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<p>It was stated that [REDACTED] currently has no trespass issues.</p> <p>Staff Safety – It was discussed that CB is working on behalf of UMBEG and not on [REDACTED] own accord, therefore [REDACTED] actions in regard to enforcement of unlawfully moored boats are supported by UMBEG.</p> <p>JC would like to see a representative from TVP at all meetings, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>	<p>email</p>
<p>2. [REDACTED] – There has been no response to 2 written requests for information as to interest in the land, so a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] have verbally indicated they have no interest in the land, written confirmation will be pursued.</p> <p>It was agreed to discuss the potential ownership of the land at [REDACTED]. CC to lead on a report to put to [REDACTED] evidence of maintenance would assist in the application.</p>	<p>PT to write to [REDACTED] to confirm no interest in the land.</p> <p>CC to lead on production of a report for [REDACTED]</p>
<p>3. [REDACTED] – There is still a question as to the ownership of stretches of land.</p> <p>Currently [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] JC suggested meeting with [REDACTED] in order to discuss the future of enforcement on the stretch of land.</p> <p>The EA is happy to maintain the current stretch of OCC owned land adjacent to theirs.</p> <p>OCC will try to acquire the land [REDACTED], EA will manage land to the south on behalf of OCC if they acquire it.</p> <p>Currently GC has a pilot to improve waste provision, and resolve the issues of [REDACTED].</p>	<p>JSC to arrange a meeting with Corporate Property, EA and CC to discuss this further.</p>
<p>4. New Serviced Moorings – Planning have assessed the proposed sites and [REDACTED]. Each location was discussed for input from other agencies.</p> <p>Of the options location [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were deemed most suitable.</p> <p>Planning, will update [REDACTED] to outline the points raised in the meeting.</p> <p>Some new sites were suggested;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• [REDACTED]• [REDACTED]• [REDACTED] <p>Discussions will need to be had with owners of the land before the meeting of the 8th January</p>	<p>RW to update and [REDACTED]</p> <p>CB and SM will investigate these in a boat, however will be dictated by weather and river conditions.</p>
<p>5. River Thames Alliance – Oxford hosted the River Thames Alliance AGM last week. JSC gave a presentation on the importance of the river in Oxford.</p>	

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- There ay potentially be more enforcement resources due to current re-structures that are taking place across the council.
- [REDACTED] are looking at introducing a signing and ticketing policy, charging for mooring on their land
- GC is to talk to SM about freshwater facilities
- CB and SM to discuss [REDACTED] SM is currently in process of finding the owner.
- Discussion regarding how to find the owner of a boat. SM will look into the data sharing of owners information between agencies
- Discussion regarding tree cleaning agreements, To reduce cost the EA will cut trees back and OCC will clear the debris left. TH stated he would like to discuss the option of having [REDACTED] cleared.

GC
CB, SM

SM

Date of next meeting – 29th January 2012

