

**MINUTES**  
*of the*  
**Buildings & Moorings Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 6pm in the Town Hall,  
Tewkesbury**

**Present:** Cllrs C Danter (Chair); P Devine, R Gurney, S Raywood, J Raywood

**In attendance:** D Hill (Town Clerk)

Cllr J Raywood Chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chair.

**B&M.21.016 Receive apologies for absence**  
Cllrs Bowman, Brennan and Carter.

**B&M.21.017 Receive declarations of interest**  
None.

**B&M.21.018 Receive dispensations**  
None.

**B&M.21.019 Approve the minutes of the Building & Moorings Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Buildings & Moorings Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Proposed by Cllr Gurney, seconded by Cllr Devine.

**B&M.21.020 Matters arising from the minutes**  
**B&M.20.107 – Tree work:** Back of Avon (Silver Birch by St. Mary’s Road) planning permission now obtained from Tewkesbury Borough Council and contractor appointed to remove as per tree survey  
**B&M.20.093 – Defibrillator quotes:** Rotary have agreed provisionally to help fund a defibrillator. Following up a suggestion to place one on High St. rather than Anglo American garden. Carried forward.  
**B&M.20.127 – Repairs to windows at museum:** The Town Clerk confirmed the response from Croft and this will be followed up.  
**B&M.20.139 – Watson Hall balcony handrail:** The Events Officer will check the wording of the recommendation in the Structural Engineer’s report  
**B&M.20.143 – Back of Avon retaining wall:** awaiting quote for work

Cllr Danter joined the meeting and took over as Chair.

**B&M.21.021 Receive correspondence relating to the Buildings & Moorings Committee**  
Two items of correspondence were received as follows:

**Item 1**

It has been almost 6 months since we first raised our objections, in the form of a petition signed by 250 residents and interested parties, to the abominable boom

barrier and the equally abominable and obtrusive, 4 fat metal poles that were installed at the landing stage adjacent to Mill Bank. The 4 fat cylinders replaced, 4 slim scaffolding poles, which were about a third of the current poles' height. The landing stage, as it is marked on maps, was not built as a permanent mooring and because of flooding is unsuitable for such a purpose. It is currently being used by canoeists and paddleboarders to disembark, as a safer alternative to the river bank.

I would like to forward the following questions to the Buildings and Moorings Committee meeting, this coming Wednesday 28 July.

1. What actions have been taken regarding the objections to the unsightly poles and when can we expect to see their replacement or modification?
2. What is the intended usage of the landing stage, which would make an ideal visitor mooring for those wishing to explore the abbey, gardens and businesses in this part of the town and, with some modification, a safe disembarkation point for canoeists and paddleboarders?

## **Item 2**

Priors Court Moorings.

There appears to have been no progress on submitting a revised Planning Application (for reinstated moorings) to replace that withdrawn.

You had offers from a respected local architect and myself to help in that process but despite seeming to accept that offer nothing has been heard.

What are your plans for resubmission and when will you involve we two volunteers?

Policy for use of TTC managed moorings

As a result of the objections by "Friends of Mill Avon" to TTC commissioning new poles at the Mill Bank Jetty there was debate about the use of that facility, this resulted in the proposal that it be used solely for visiting craft of all types., becoming an "Abbey Landing Stage".

This led to recognition of the lack of a policy (Permanent v Visitor) for using the various moorings owned and controlled directly by TTC.

We understand that TTC decided to rectify this omission by using a "working group" to evolve a policy and we would like to know what progress has been made in this regard, what is planned and whether TTC will co-opt any non-councillors onto that group.

**Action:** The Chair of the Buildings & Moorings Committee will reply.

### **B&M.21.022 Public Participation**

None.

### **B&M.21.023 Approve payments to be made**

It was RESOLVED to approve payments totalling £27,273.80. Proposed by Cllr Gurney, seconded by Cllr Devine.

### **B&M.21.024 Review the budget reports**

The budget reports were reviewed.

**B&M.21.025 Receive an update on the recent moorings working group meetings and to consider and agree proposals from the working group**

- a. to take legal advice on the reversion of the registration of some of the moorings at the Abbey Mill and any easements that may be in place
- b. to continue to liaise with TBC as required regarding flood proof posts
- c. to liaise with ANT regarding any future re-development and planning requirements
- d. to consider additional TC moorings signage requirements
- e. to consider any additional pest control recommended. **Post meeting note:** the Pest Control contractor has not identified any additional moorings areas requiring control
- f. Cllr S Raywood and Town Clerk to research the necessary reports required for Prior's Court
- g. Investigate possibility of other sites for small craft use – St. Mary's Lane Car Park site had many good points for this use but ownership was 'cloudy'
- h. Town Clerk to liaise with TBC regarding ownership of this area of mooring
- i. Town Clerk to liaise with owner of Scrumm and Twyning Scouts to see if a compromise can be reached on use of steps at Red Lane.
- j. Income from lease of moorings to ANT to be discussed. **Action** add to next B&M meeting agenda.

The recommendations were considered and will be progressed as required.

**B&M.21.026 Receive updates on the following ongoing matters:**

- i. Works on the Museum roof, fascia and windows – all work is due to complete on 30<sup>th</sup> July. Following completion the final instalment of the grant funding will need to be applied for.
- ii. Museum funding project – the initial fact finding work is well underway and a report from the Fundraising Consultant is awaited.
- iii. Pictures in the Council Chamber – further quotes are awaited and will be submitted to the insurer. Work also needs to be undertaken on the safety of all pictures in the Chamber.
- iv. Appointment of Solicitor to look into matters concerning the titles relating to the Watson Hall and Tewkesbury Museum – this has not progressed due to the pandemic but it is hoped that it will progress in the coming months.

**B&M.21.027 Review the work programme**

The work programme was reviewed and updated. The format needs to be moved into an Excel spreadsheet.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signature of Chairman upon approval of the minutes ..... 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021