

## MINUTES

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## **Buildings & Moorings Committee meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 at 6pm in the Town Hall, Tewkesbury**

**Present:** Cllrs C Danter (Chair); H Bowman, K Brennan, P Devine, K Powell, S Raywood

**In attendance:** D Hill (Town Clerk) and two members of the public

**B&M.22.001 Receive apologies for absence**

Cllr Gurney.

**B&M.22.002 Receive declarations of interest**

Cllr Devine in relation to item 22.019.

**B&M.22.003 Receive dispensations**

Cllr Devine in relation to item 22.019.

**B&M.22.004 Approve the minutes of the Buildings & Moorings Committee meeting held on  
13<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Proposed by Cllr Devine, seconded by Cllr Bowman with one small alteration to add 2021/2022 to item 21.102.

**B&M.22.005 Matters arising from the minutes – for information only**

**20.093 Defibrillator** – update at next meeting

**20.127 Repairs to window at 64 Barton Street** – ongoing to be instructed when next work undertaken by Ian Bishop

**20.139 WH balcony handrail** – existing handrail not to standard height or material.

Actioned to replace under B&M Chair & Town Clerk delegated authority.

**20.143 Back of Avon retaining wall quote** – Ian Bishop to be chased

**20.187 Lease to Avon Navigation Trust** – with Town Council Solicitor following questions raised by ANT

**B&M.22.006 Receive correspondence relating to the Buildings & Moorings Committee**

None.

**B&M.22.007 Public Participation**

Two questions were raised by members of the public as follows:

Question 1

Is it TTC's intention to submit a revised Planning Application for improvements of moorings at the rear of Priors Court? If so, when is the target date?

As you will recall, there was an offer from a well known and respected local architect and from the Civic Society to help with any submission, has the committee properly considered that offer and made any decision?

The member of the public was informed that this matter will be discussed later in the meeting. The member of the public congratulated the committee on the recent activity at Millbank mooring.

#### Question 2

I understand that a question was submitted six months ago, on 17/11/21 by Tewkesbury Civic Society that asked if the committee would consider with others the idea that the piece of riverside land owned by TTC next to Tannery Court be opened up to public access. The fence not be simply a replacement for the present ugly wired one but be three bar metal fencing as used elsewhere on the Riverside Walk as the defining standard and be moved back to the river's edge so providing security to boat owners and the public alike. Bollards or some such be installed near the road to prevent illegal parking.

I live in Tannery Mews and am delighted that this question was asked for all the reasons given then, namely to make good and attractive use by locals and visitors alike of this presently ill used and scruffy piece of land. There are few spots along the Riverside Walk at this end where people may closely enjoy the views, this is one of them but unexploited presently.

Being involved myself with the Victoria Gardens group I am aware of their offer to take responsibility for maintaining the area as a garden, a major community contribution in my view, and I hope yours?

I am aware of some other issues involved with that land that may need addressing, the retaining wall integrity as an example, but am confident that they may be successfully addressed if there is a will to do so.

So my question is "In the elapsed six months has the committee studied as asked the suggestions posed to them on 17/11/21 and reached a conclusion to promote those same suggestions as policy and put together a plan to achieve them?"

Additionally, the member of the public stated that there was no problem with dogs at St Mary's Road mooring area.

The member of the public was informed that this matter will be discussed later in the meeting.

#### **B&M.22.008 Approve payments to be made**

It was RESOLVED to approve payments totalling £2,166.42. Proposed by Cllr Bowman, seconded by Cllr Brennan.

#### **B&M.22.009 Review the budgets report and earmarked reserves report**

The reports were reviewed. The Town Clerk was asked to check the breakdown of earmarked reserves 320, 363 and 364 and moorings maintenance Check breakdown.

#### **B&M.22.010 Retrospectively approve installation of a noise limiting device at the Watson Hall at a cost of £1,575**

It was RESOLVED to approve the installation of a noise limiting device. Proposed by Cllr Brennan, seconded by Cllr Bowman.

**B&M.22.011 Receive an update on exploration work and stripping back of part of the Old Ferry mooring at St. Mary's Road and to approve additional work to dig out the area, make the area safe for use and repair the remaining mooring structure up to a total cost of £3,200 (£700 relates to initial exploration work and stripping back)**  
It was RESOLVED to approve the additional work. Proposed by Cllr Devine, seconded by Cllr Brennan.

**B&M.22.012 Agree future use of the remaining Old Ferry mooring**  
Agreed the Old Ferry mooring should be used for small craft, visiting boats.  
Proposed by Cllr Bowman, seconded by Cllr Danter.

**B&M.22.013 Review the Structural Engineer's report on walls at St. Mary's Road mooring and agree the location of replacement picket fencing and to apply for planning permission**  
The report was reviewed and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should obtain quotes for work recommended in Structural Engineer's report. Ongoing enquiries with Western Power in terms of location of overhead wires. Location of fence on hold.

**B&M.22.014 Agree future use and planting of the grass area at St Mary's Road mooring and potential partnership working**  
Item deferred.

Cllr Brennan left at this juncture.

**B&M.22.015 Agree to continue with planning application to re-instate moorings at Prior's Court and to agree production of additional drawings that may be required**  
It was RESOLVED to continue with planning application. Proposed by Cllr Devine, seconded by Cllr Danter.  
Informal approach to be made to a local architect to see if assistance is available.

**B&M.22.016 Agree that Prior's Court to be left as a natural environment until the committee agrees to progress re-instatement depending on the outcome of the planning application and the budget position**  
It was agreed to leave the mooring in a natural environment.

**B&M.22.017 Consider the options for making Prior's Court area more aesthetically pleasing**  
Town Clerk to liaise with Tewkesbury Borough Council, Planning and Conservation Officer regarding requirements as the mooring falls in the Conservation Area.  
Quotes for fencing to be obtained.

**B&M.22.018 Receive an update on repairs at the Back of Avon moorings**  
The Town Clerk updated the committee that repairs to the commercial mooring at the Back of Avon are now complete. Repairs to part of the remaining Back of Avon moorings are complete and work will be undertaken to refurbish the whole of this mooring due to health and safety concerns and due to increased interest in moorings on this section.

**B&M.22.019 Agree future use of the Back of Avon mooring past the footbridge**  
It was agreed to continue with long stay at the current time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18.58.

Signature of Chairman upon approval of the minutes ..... 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022