

Derby and Sandiacre Canal Society

Annual General Meeting

Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday October 23rd 2018 at the Wilmot Arms, Borrowash.

Present 36 members

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed members

2. Apologies Paul Turner, Eileen Holland

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2017 AGM

They were agreed as a true record, proposed by David Savidge, seconded by Ian Bowley, carried unanimously

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Treasurer's Report

Accounts for the Financial year ending 31 March 2018

Key points;

Income:

- Income for 2018 is £1,000 lower than 2017.
- Whilst we only show donations of £83, down from £454 to the Society we endeavour to direct donations to the Trust so that Gift Aid can be claimed where possible.
- Meeting income (entrance fees and raffle) up slightly, with a profit on meetings of £367 (down by £11).
- Merchandise sales and other show income down by £383 as a result of fewer events attended.
- Speaker fees, down by nearly £305 as the prolific previous year could not be repeated.
- Advertising revenue for the Packet of £250 received.

Expenditure:

- Packet and publishing costs covers just two editions of the Packet
- The move to delivering the Packet by email where possible led to a significant reduction of £314 to postage and stationery costs.
- Work party costs included £130 for a long reach hedge cutter / strimmer with the rest being spares, servicing and consumables for various pieces of equipment we use.
- Merchandise purchases broadly the same as the previous year.

- The reference to membership is transferring income collected by the Society at the end of the previous year.
- The Society donated £888 to the Trust.

Expenditure for the year exceeded income by £260.

At the year end the Society had a balance in the bank of £5,238.87.

Highlights from the Derby and Sandiacre Canal Trust Accounts for the Financial year ending 31 March 2018

- The Trust's new examiner has proved more efficient and cheaper so that the Trust Board were able to approve accounts at their July AGM meeting.
- Trust Income for 2018 is £46,802.
 - Membership fees £7,246
 - Donations £32,618
 - Gift Aid £5,871
- Trust Expenditure for 2018 is £26,263.
 - Cottages £10,029
 - Legal and Professional £2,840
 - New website £2,685
 - Replacement interpretation panels £1,673
 - Drone Flight for Derby Arm video £600
 - PR £2,100
 - Insurance £1,116
 - Work on the canal line £2,309
 - Accounts examination £450

Other financial matters:

Membership fees; the Committee believes that the membership fees are set at an appropriate level and should continue at these levels.

Meeting attendance fees; the committee is proposing no change to the current structure.

I would welcome the Chairman calling for a vote to accept the Society accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017 and the above matters.

Derek Hathaway asked about funding for the cottages since March, which isn't covered by the published accounts. Chris explained that the cottages were bought by a Trustee on behalf of the Trust and that the Trust had a legal right to buy back the cottages when it has the funds. Funds will be generated by the sale of three cottages further expenditure would be reported in the next year's Trust accounts.

The report was proposed by Roger Ashmead, seconded by Nick Merry.

Chris Madge proposed a vote of thanks to Chris for the work involved in sorting the accounts. This was seconded by Eddy Case.

6. Chairman's report

Membership

Membership records	511
Additional Joint Members	205
Groups	7
Friends	<u>8</u>
	731

GDPR response stands at 88.2% - way above the national average largely thanks to Gary's efforts on the phone.

We have 74% of the membership on e-mail

of those 57 people (11% of the membership) prefer a paper Packet.

Just a few years ago that was more like 30%.

That has substantially reduced our running costs. It also has the advantage of being able to send a smaller update on a reasonably regular basis.

Finally while reporting on the numbers we welcome Nigel Dagley as our latest Life Member.

Trust Updates

Steve Jeffery

Sadly Steve died recently. Several trustees attended his funeral. This means that the Trust are looking for a new chairman and also a secretary as his widow, Claudia, feels unable to continue. There was a minute's silence at the last trust meeting and a short silence was kept tonight in his memory.

Draycott Cottages

Eddy thanked the working parties and gave a massive thank you particularly to David Savidge for all his input. The roof should be finished this week

Draycott Dig-out

Chris Madge has sent a recent email out regarding the pledges which have been made to make sure people are aware this is one of our top priorities. We are currently £6,000 short of our target of £100,000. Planning permission is under way and there is a link on the Erewash Borough Council website. Eddy asked for positive comments

Sandiacre Lock

Chris Madge has had a revised quote for removing the spoil which is half as much as the previous one, so we now have the funds in place to do it and are hoping to get it sorted by the end of this year. There will be an update in the next Chairman's newsletter.

Borrowash Lock

This is looking good. The Waterways recovery group enjoyed their work there and plan to return next year. Some of the trees in Station Road have already been felled and the rest are coming down shortly. The next plan will be to hire heavy machinery in the spring to relay the path properly, we are also looking to move the sewer pipe. Eddy thanked the working party members, for all their hard work, and particularly mentioned David Savidge and Keith Johnson

Spondon

There is a lot of scrubland to clear at the Spondon development Site, 4 weeks of working parties have been allocated for this. The developer will provide a digger and driver to put a trench across the canal bed and find out what is in there. The house developers are due to start a 2 1/2 year project, which will include the creation of 300 metres of restored canal.

Derby Boat Trip/ Derby Arm

The City Council are very keen on this project and are helping with the funding, it should be up and running next year. This will open up the Derwent river and help to promote the lock in the weir and the Derby Arm. This would be a major tourist attraction which would put Derby, and us, on the map.

Eddy invited questions about the Trust to be asked at the end of the meeting.

Community Engagement

Society Social Meetings throughout the year

More regular Working Parties

- Working Wednesdays (Borrowwash)
- Working Fridays (Draycott)
- Working Sundays (Draycott/Sandiacre/Borrowwash/Spondon)

Events participated in (to name a few):

- Draycott Cottages Open Days (Nov 2017 & May 2018)
- Breaston Gala (May 2018)
- ECP&DA 50th Anniversary Rally (May 2018)
- Family Extravaganza @ Elvaston Castle (June 2018)
- Sky Volunteers Day @ Draycott Cottages (July 2018)
- IWA WRG Borrowwash Bottom Lock Restoration Week (July 2018)

Eddy showed some photos of the above.

Election of Officers

The following were elected

a. Chairman	Eddy Case	proposed Roger Ashmead seconded Ian Bowley
b. Vice Chair	David Savidge	proposed Anne Madge seconded Sarah Cresswell
c. Treasurer	Chris ReesFitzpatrick	proposed Elizabeth Newton seconded Ian Bowley
d. Secretary	Anne Madge	proposed Roger Ashmead seconded Maz Clark

- e. **Membership** Roger Ashmead proposed Chris ReesFitzpatrick
seconded Paul Birtles
- f. **Committee Members** Eileen Holland, Keith Johnson, Gary Harding, Andrew Baird
- g. **Events/Social Coordinator** Jackie Harding has offered to take over this role

These committee members were proposed by Linda Edson, seconded by Nick Merry. All were elected by unanimous vote.

8. **Kate Birtles Award**

Paul explained that this was awarded in memory of his late wife to recognise a member's contribution during the year. He presented this to Anne Madge

9. **AOB**

Eddy invited anyone interested to come to a society committee meeting and see what happens.

The speaker programme for 2019 was distributed.

Eddy set a deadline for content for the next Packet as the end of February to go out to members in March.

David Hayes asked for clarification about the Spondon project and was told that the developers would complete the purchase in the next two weeks. The Trust are currently acquiring 450m of the canal line up to Anglers Lane from Derby City Council within the next few months.

Andrew presented a video update to show the progress of the working parties at Borrowash Lock and the Canal Cottages.

The raffle was drawn

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Date and Time of Next AGM meeting

Tuesday October 22nd 2019, 7.30pm

