

DERBY AND SANDIACRE CANAL TRUST
 Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 7 p.m. on Wednesday 16th September 2020

Held via Zoom

Present: Chris Madge (Chairman) Paul Horton-Turner
 Chris ReesFitzpatrick Duncan Inwood
 Eddy Case Cllr Kevin Miller
 Cllr Val Clare David Savidge
 Derek Troughton Cllr. Alan Graves
 Cllr. Tim Scott Cllr. Peter Watson
 Anne Madge (secretary)
 18 other members attended

Apologies: Mike Wingfield
 Mike Snaith

Item	Minute	Action
1	Chris Madge welcomed all and apologised for the form of the meeting. He started on a sad note, paying tribute to Derek Hathaway, a member of the Trust who had been actively involved for many years and sadly died last weekend. He will be greatly missed. Chris thanked Chris RFP for his efforts in setting up the virtual meeting.	
2	Minutes of the AGM held in July 2019 were approved. An online poll showed 19 in favour, 4 abstentions. There were no matters arising.	
3	Treasurers Report – this has been circulated and access to draft accounts made available. The accounts show a reduced expenditure this year of £14k less than 2019 so we ended up with a surplus of £53k, accumulated total funds are currently just over £200k, a good healthy position. The accounts were approved, the poll showed 23 in favour, 1 abstention from a new member who felt they did not know enough to vote. It was agreed unanimously to reappoint the registered Accountants, Community Accounting Plus	
4	Chairman’s Report – this has been circulated. Chris added some updates as follows: The Covid episode has resulted in an increase in Trust funds. Network Rail are prepared to financially support the Draycott canal going back into water. No contract yet, but all positive. We are waiting for the result of soil sampling tests to complete the design, then funding can be put in place. There have been a total of £80k loans to the cottages, Chris RFP and Paul have organised a formal bank loan if we should need it either to complete the project or for longer term funding. Paul is leading on adding more land to the canal corridor at Breaston and Draycott, proceeding slowly but steadily. Chris and Mike have established a good relationship with Paul Simpson, the new Chief Executive of Derby City council, who is keen to bring the Derwent river back to life in the city. An expression of interest (precursor to a grant bid) has gone in to D2N2 with council support, to build a small basin on the river gardens and a lock through long weir to connect the canal to the city. The cost would be £3million. This has been possible because we are now taken seriously as all our current work shows that we can deliver large projects. We have always had good support from Erewash and South Derbyshire councillors, Chris thanked them for this. The spoil from Spondon was removed during the lockdown at a reduced price,	

	<p>which was paid for by the developer, saving us in the region of £200k. We continue to try to convert members from postal communications to email, but progress is slow, but steady.</p> <p>Chris thanked his tremendous team for supporting him as follows.</p> <p>Paul, for dealing with legal and tax matters, which safeguards the Trust's assets.</p> <p>Chris RFP, for previously dealing with the accounts and who is now taking over the role of research.</p> <p>Derek, for stepping into the Treasurers role and has already started some reorganisation.</p> <p>Duncan, for dealing with many and complex planning issues, we are very grateful for his expertise.</p> <p>Eddy, for his continued application to sorting out working parties and becoming the Trust's water vole expert.</p> <p>Mike Wood, who has designed the canal basin in Derby.</p> <p>Mike Snaith, who has covered us at the IWA</p> <p>Andrew, who has done such a good job with the website and for his exceptional camera work, despite intense work and family pressures.</p> <p>David, a particular thank you for his many roles. As health and safety officer, he dealt with the Covid crisis and by careful planning enabled volunteers to get back to work more quickly and safely. He has done the risk assessments and endless revision to drawings without complaining and he took the lead at Spondon. Chris is very grateful for all his support.</p> <p>Mike Wingfield, who has applied endless energy and innovation to create excellent contacts within Derby city, and has designed and worked on the trip boat.</p> <p>Anne Madge, who has offered support as secretary, boat varnisher, brick cleaner etc, etc.</p> <p>Paul recorded that Chris has done a splendid job as chairman and done a fantastic job pulling projects together.</p>																
5	<p>Report from the Society.</p> <p>Eddy said that membership currently stands at 703, he thanked Gary for his input, and said that even though we have not held any events this year we are still gaining and retaining members.</p> <p>The working parties have been going well, the cottages and gardening teams have been doing some amazing work.</p> <p>The Society AGM will be held in November following the next edition of the Packet.</p> <p>He thanked everyone for their support.</p>																
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8	<p>AOB</p> <p>Peter Watson said that he thought it was marvellous what had been achieved despite the Covid 19 pandemic and that he has been to many online meetings but had not seen such a good voting system before.</p> <p>Chris thanked all for their support and closed the meeting at 7.43pm.</p>																