

FRIENDS OF THE CROMFORD CANAL

The Draft Minutes of the postponed Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Cromford Canal (FCC), Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number 1164608 held at 7.30pm on Monday 19th June 2023, in the Church Hall, Ironville.

Present

There were 28 Members present, 7 Trustees and 2 visitors.

1. Introduction

Judy Berry (chair for this AGM) opened the meeting by explaining why there was a need for this postponed 2022 AGM. It was due to the AGM held on April 17th not being quorate. Judy explained tonight's meeting would be short covering the minimum required by the Charity Commission and the FCC's own constitution:

- Members to receive the Annual Report of Trustees.
- Members to receive and approve the Annual Statement of Accounts.
- Election of Trustees.

Judy also explained that if, after 15 minutes, this meeting was not quorate, those members present would constitute a quorum and any decisions voted on would then be valid. There would be no need for a third AGM.

2. Minutes of the sixth Annual General Meeting

With everyone present having now seen copies of the previous AGM minutes, they were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes – none.

4. Aims and Objectives of the Charity

David Martin (FCC Chairman) provided the following:

“The stated aims and objectives of the charity are “the restoration, reconstruction, preservation & maintenance of the Cromford Canal, its associated buildings, towing path, structures & craft & the conservation of its natural character as a navigable inland waterway system for the benefit of the public”. It is against these aims and objectives that the FCC is measured.

5. Annual Report of the Trustees

The Report of Trustees was available through the website with those attending the meeting also being provided with hard copies. There were no questions from the floor relating to the report.

6. Annual Statement of Accounts

The accounts had been previously circulated through the FCC website with hard copies made available to all members present at the meeting.

John Barker (Acting Treasurer) provided analysis of the FCC funds which included highlighting the restricted and designated funds (see table below). These included the funds raised through grant applications but also the donations received for the purchase of land at Beggarlee, the land not having been purchased as yet.

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

- ✓ Sawmills (Severn Trent) is for the completion of the repairs to Sawmills gauging narrows.
- ✓ Dredging Fund – towards dredging the Cromford Canal along the route taken by Birdswood.
- ✓ Weighbridge Shop – to pay for rent and services.
- ✓ Tools – tool purchases.

- ✓ Welfare Unit Project – for the Beggarlee Extension Project.
- ✓ Project Lime Mortaring – for the training in lime mortaring at the bridge at Waterloo Farm.
- ✓ Project – Lock Keepers – for the Lock Keeper’s cottage garden at Ironville

Funds Analysis

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Sawmills (Severn Trent)	198	-	-	198
Dredging Fund	1785	-	-	1785
Weighbridge Shop	2107	-	(2107)	-
Tools	700	-	-	700
Welfare Unit Project	-	10000	-	10000
Project – Lime Mortaring	-	2000	(1472)	528
Project – Lock Keepers	-	1565	-	1565
	4790	13565	(3579)	14776

Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	109757	67664	(62141)	115280

Designated Funds				
Restoration	40000	-	-	40000
Land Purchase Donations	9835	-	-	9835
	159592	67664	(62141)	165115

7. Adoption of the Accounts

Proposed by John Boucher and seconded by Ian Hooker, the accounts were adopted unanimously.

8. Appointment of Community Accounting Plus as Auditors

Proposed by Mike Kelley and seconded by High Potter, the appointment of Community Accounting Plus as auditors was carried unanimously with no abstentions.

9. Election of Trustees

Richard Handley (Executive Secretary) clarified the reappointment of Trustees. The FCC has 10 Trustees and, in accordance with its constitution, 1/3rd are required to retire annually – it being 3 a year. Those retiring in rotation are Richard Handley, David Ratner and Jack Brown. All sought re-appointment.

Proposed by Hugh Potter and Seconded by John Guyler, Richard Handley, David Ratner and Jack Brown were unanimously re-appointed Trustees.

The 2023 Trustees are:

David Martin, David Ratner, John Barker, Yvonne Shattower, Richard Handley, Jack Brown MBE, Ian Hooker LLB, Mike Kelley, Hugh Potter and Stephen Parish.

10. Any Other Business

There being no other business requested from those present, David Martin closed the meeting thanking John Barker for his Acting Treasurer work, Richard Handley for his Executive Secretary role, Mr and Mrs Barass for their work in the shop, wharf-side and at other events and all volunteers for their amazing work and experience and, finally, thanking everyone for coming.

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