



**Camboaters Community Association**  
**Committee meeting minutes: 7:00pm, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

**Chair:** Andy Rankin

**Present:** Andy Rankin, Ben Phalan, Rod Downie, Roz Conyngham,

**Apologies:** Ewan Wakefield, Luther Philips, Rob King

**Location:** Coroskeir – Midsummer Common

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1 - Minutes of last meeting and actions arising	Most items on agenda anyway. Re lost bank book: Roz to speak to Mark Rogers asap to sort out before AGM.	Roz
2 - Report from council meetings	<p>Luther and Andy went to Council meeting – Andy to put notes on Camboaters newsgroup. Talked a lot about the waiting list. Andy subsequently met with Julie Smith to discuss this further, and submitted ideas for reviewing the way the waiting list is administered. At the moment it takes a long time to work with the waiting list and offer new licences.</p> <p>Also spoke to Rebecca, the city council recycling officer. Most people at Stourbridge have difficulty recycling as there are no collection points near. Rod Downie to contact her and discuss issues/ideas that boaters have. A possible walk along the river would be sensible. Teresa (replacement for Julie Durrant) should also come along.</p> <p>Ash collection was discussed. To put in a dedicated ash bin at several locations would be difficult. Council recommend allowing it to cool, bagging, and putting in the Council bins.</p>	<p>Andy</p> <p>Rod</p>
3- Nautical but nice:	<p>Will be on 28 Sept at Museum of Technology</p> <p>Ruthie will need volunteers for the day.</p> <p>Email everyone on the committee and hassle people – action by Andy</p>	<p>All, unless you have a very good excuse!</p> <p>Andy</p>

	<p>Need to advertise with flyer / newsletter. Will discuss who is doing the newsletter later.</p> <p>Display stand. Andy to talk to Ewan to see if he has done anything. Luther has clippings. Possibly have a computer displaying camboaters website live?</p>	Ewan?
4- Pete Convey's letter	Actioned by Rob King - next Council meeting is going to be a joint one with the rowers, so probably no need for follow up to letter.	No further action.
5- Funding for next year.	Do we apply for running costs from the council? Roz to speak to Helen Wright about previous application. Needs to be done by end of September. See how much money in accounts at present - if plenty, probably no need to bother. However, there are some costs to be covered, eg printing posters for cleanup / boat open day etc. Roz to contact council.	Roz
6 - Riverside Residents Association.	<p>Gordon Ward, chairman of riverside property management (from the flats by Tesco's) and Stephen Jolly, one of the directors, joined the meeting at 7.55pm. They represent 100 plus people in the new flats.</p> <p>Stephen reported a number of problems arising from the mooring of boats on the railings. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One vessel had vermin</li> <li>- Several boats appear to be abandoned</li> <li>- They associated travellers turning up and staying nearby with people in the boating community</li> <li>- Some boaters are disposing of rubbish in the bins for the flats, which are private</li> <li>- Evidence of drug use and dealing (though they couldn't say for sure this was boaters - it's definitely a problem with other local residents!)</li> <li>- Parking of boaters vehicles obstructing access - a derelict boat had been left on the road for a while.</li> <li>- Noise from generators late at night</li> <li>- Burning of refuse causing a smoke nuisance</li> <li>- One boat appeared to be being rebuilt - they didn't like the noise etc associated with this (we pointed out however that there was quite a lot of noise etc generated when the new flats were built...)</li> </ul> <p>They suggested better regulation would help clean up the area. They accepted it was a small minority of boaters who caused problems.</p> <p>A discussion followed about who had responsibility for the wall. It's believed that as a highway the County Council effectively own it - but they take no interest in administering it. Camboaters pointed out that there</p>	

	<p>are byelaws on noise and unregistered vessels etc which should be enforced by Cam Con, and suggested the residents association talked to Cam Con to resolve some of the issues.</p> <p>Although Camboaters has no powers, we are in favour of boaters behaving responsibly to their neighbours, and we will do what we can to encourage people to keep noise to a minimum late at night and dispose of rubbish in the proper places. Andy offered to include a piece in the next newsletter asking people to be considerate to other local residents.</p>	
7 - Boat jumble	Rick Mayo is organising a boat jumble on the Georgina on the 27th Sept. Camboaters fully behind this and will advertise it through our newsletter.	Andy
8 - AGM	Is meant to be in October (or thereabouts.) We should set a firm date in the next couple of weeks, and do final planning at next camboaters meeting. Andy suggested a fortnight after the next committee meeting in October for AGM, which means week of the 20 <sup>th</sup> October. Roz to speak to Boathouse or Fort St George to arrange a venue. Need to arrange nibbles.	Roz
9 - Newsletter	<p>Need to mention in next issue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Being considerate to neighbours, including generator noise, parking considerations, burning of waste, and disposal of refuse in the right place.</li> <li>- Nautical but nice flyer</li> <li>- Boat jumble flyer</li> <li>- Responsible disposal of ash</li> <li>- Date of AGM, and call for committee nominations</li> <li>- Rod offered to write a short piece about Wicken Fen.</li> </ul>	<p>Andy</p> <p>Rod</p>
AOB	Rod mentioned he had recently joined GOBA for an annual fee of £17.00, and wondered if they would do an affiliation fee for all Camboaters members. Rod to ask GOBA if this could be arranged.	Rod

Next meeting 7pm 8th October on Friendly Fox.