

# camboaters

May 2007

## Sunny days are here again...

Time to get the barbecue out! Join us for the first Camboaters **BBQ** of the summer on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** at the far end of Stourbridge Common from around 7pm. Barbie and bread provided – just bring something to grill, something to drink and your beautiful selves.

City of Cambridge Rowing Club say a **big THANK-YOU** to everyone who moved their boats from Midsummer Common for the side-by-side sprints on soggy Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May

## Talking to the Council

Mark and Zoe met with City Council officers and Cam Conservators representatives on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Amongst other things, discussion included:

- how our licence-fee money is currently spent, particularly the large amounts spent on waste collection and on checking boaters' compliance with the mooring policy – there'll be no immediate change here, but there's hope for the future
- what we'd like it spent on, including bank improvements (the Council agree there are safety problems they need to sort out) and recycling (we'll have another meeting to talk about this specifically with the relevant Council person)
- the time-consuming re-application process for licences: the Council say we'll still have to do it every year, but they're are willing to try to make it simpler and more convenient
- the Council's planned mooring policy and pricing review – they are going ahead with this in November. Licence-holders, waiting-list people and other groups will be sent a questionnaire about it; the Council agreed to have this done, and the results compiled, by August
- an update from the Council on progress towards improving the pump-out (lots of meeting and planning has been happening, and they've got as far as getting quotes for some things) and installing the Stourbridge Common water point (ready to go pending agreement from the EA)

Full notes coming soon to [www.camboaters.co.uk](http://www.camboaters.co.uk) and the noticeboard in the Fort St George. **Don't keep your opinion to yourself...** tell us what you think about these and other things, so we can represent your views when we talk the City Council, the Cam Conservators and others. Email the Camboaters newsgroup, or [committee@camboaters.co.uk](mailto:committee@camboaters.co.uk), or chat to someone on the committee.

## Boat Open Day 2007

Jay is putting together a crack team of volunteers to put Boat Open Day in its rightful place as the crowning glory of the summer season once again. The brick-dwellers of Cambridge get to have a look around our lovely boats, and we get to show them a bit about what life on the river is really like and to present our community in a really positive light. It's a fantastic day and lots of fun – please join in! We're about to fix a date, so watch out for more news. If you think you might be able to lend a hand with the arrangements – from blowing up balloons to persuading your Organic Morris Dancing Squadron to entertain the crowds – then email [committee@camboaters.co.uk](mailto:committee@camboaters.co.uk) or hail a passing committee member.

**The Great Cam Clean-Up** was a fantastic success! HUGE thanks to everyone who turned out to help on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April; we pulled mountains of rubbish out of the river and got good coverage in the *Evening News*. Spurred on by our success, we're trying to arrange some grapple days, hopefully in partnership with the Cam Conservators, using grapple hooks under the bridges and along clear stretches of bank. Watch this space!



*“This newsletter is rubbish! I could do a better job than this!”*

Brilliant. Please volunteer by email to [committee@camboaters.co.uk](mailto:committee@camboaters.co.uk)

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**Camboaters Community Association**  
**Committee meeting minutes: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007, 6:30pm**

**Chair:** Mark Rogers

**Location:** Roe

**Present:** Helen Wright, Andy Rankin, Zoë Trent, Rob King, Mark Rogers

**Apologies:** Luther Philips, Ewan Wakefield, PK, Lisa Bonetti, Jay Quick

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1 Feedback from meetings with council – have actions been done? Is everything on website?	<p>Julie Smith and Ian Nimmo-smith said they had not received the letter but they have now responded.</p> <p>Letter still needs to go on website. Andy to send to Lisa</p> <p>Jay STILL needs to do the minutes from the meeting which took place on 7<sup>th</sup> March with Julie Smith, Ian Nimmo-smith, Julie Durrant and Alistair Wilson where the agreement to stick to Council Tax Band A was made.</p>	<p>Andy + Lisa</p> <p>Jay</p>
2 Communication with boating community	<p><b>Membership:</b> Rob to hassle PK for further boat-to-boat recruitment. Maybe combine with recruitment for boat open day.</p> <p>Also was agreed that we should have a BBQ on 12<sup>th</sup> June and could get more members that ways.</p> <p>Rob to set up the BBQ. Zoë to remind Rob! Zoë to email Camboaters list to tell everyone about it. Notice to go in newsletter. Oh and Mark is going to help out too!</p> <p><b>Newsletter:</b></p> <p>Luther can no longer do the newsletter.</p> <p>Helen agreed to put something together for this month (by 23<sup>rd</sup> May)</p> <p>Zoë to email Camboaters list and to see if anyone wants to be co-opted onto the committee to produce the newsletter.</p> <p>Everyone to send Helen anything they want to go into the newsletter.</p>	<p>PK</p> <p>Rob, Zoë, Mark</p> <p>Helen</p> <p>Zoe</p>
3 Meetings (external)	<p>(a) Re-development of the pump-out. Zoë and Mark met with Chris Robertson on 12<sup>th</sup> April. Mark gave Chris a letter outlining our main requirements (as compiled from everyone's comments on the Camboaters discussion board). Chris Robertson said they were not planning to knock down it but it would be a refurbishment. He agreed to price up different options and get back to us with the details. Mark and Zoë emphasized the importance of having good water pressure. Chris Robertson is going to look into this.</p> <p>Chris Robertson said the intention was to put in a hoppe for portapotti emptying.</p> <p>Mark to email Lisa a copy of the letter given to Chris Robertson for the website.</p> <p>(b) Mooring Policy Meeting with the council: This will take place on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 10 am. Zoë, Mark and Helen will attend and request the following agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget for this year (e.g. to discuss why so much money has been allocated to refuse collection and the river bailiff – Andy to send email to council beforehand explaining our issues with the figures)</li> <li>• Things we do want to see the money spent on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ bank improvements</li> <li>○ mooring rings</li> <li>○ post service (Rob and PK to supply quotation before meeting)</li> <li>○ recycling</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Mark and Lisa</p> <p>Mark, Helen, Zoë</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licence re-application: why do we have to re-apply every year</li> <li>• Also the council are interested in changing the mooring scheme to charge boats per foot. Our position is we want to stick to it being linked to Council Tax Band A.</li> </ul> <p>Zoë to email the council to say who is attending and what we want on the agenda.</p> <p>(c) there is a meeting about the future of Jesus Green on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Helen is going to represent boaters interests</p> <p>(d) Meeting with Philippa Noon. Mark is to arrange the time and date of the meeting.</p>	Zoë  Helen  Mark
4 Constitution	ONGOING ACTION	Helen
5 Eco-matters	<p>Mark is still to write to Bob Kerry about the facilities we want to see at the Chesterton Road re-cycling facility.</p> <p>We will talk about recycling at the meeting with the council on May 18<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>A suggestion has been made to have 'cow bins' on the commons. These are big wheelie bins decorated with cow patterns which have been used in Lewisham to promote re-cycling. The members present at the meeting felt that we would be better off trying to persuade to council to provide decent re-cycling facilities at the current collection points. There have been issues in the past about the size of trucks that can get onto the commons.</p>	Mark  Mark, Helen, Zoë
6 Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T-shirts selling, pay-pal etc Lisa still needs to advertise T-shirts on the website. Andy still needs to set up pay-pal.</li> <li>• Copies of letters It is very important all copies to letters to the council etc go onto the website. Everyone must send Lisa letters to put on the website.</li> </ul>	Lisa Andy  Everyone Lisa
7 Grants	<p>We got a grant for £400 – well done Rob. Helen will pay the cheque in to the account this week.</p> <p>This makes it very important that Boat Open Day goes ahead</p>	Helen  Jay and Rob
8 Broadband	Jay is still to ask Georgina people (Rupert) if they would host wireless broadband for the boaters.	Jay
9 Hire Boats	Rob rang Bridge Boat Yard and they were happy to let the people hiring their boats know where to moor and where not to moor in Cambridge and that they would add it to their information leaflet/map.	
10 Letter from Rowers	<p>A rower wrote a letter to all the political parties which was very anti-narrowboat dwellers.</p> <p>We felt we should respond. Andy has drafted letter and will forward to someone to send.</p>	Andy
11 Regatta this weekend	Zoë will send an email to the Camboaters message board reminding everyone to move their boats.	Zoë
12 Any other business	BOAT OPEN DAY: Jay and Rob need to form a sub-committee and set a date to get moving on this.	Jay Rob

**Next Meeting: 13th JUNE 2007 6:30**  
**LOCATION: COROSKIER**