

Scottish Waterways for All meeting
Thursday 1st August 2019
The Wheel Room, The Falkirk Wheel

Attendees: Ronnie Rusack, Pat Bowie, Stuart Rennie, Graeme Harvey, Jonathan Mosse, Neil Kitchener, Don Williams, Fergus Duncan, Richard Davies, Sandra Purves, Richard Millar, Josie Saunders, Carol Bell, Paul Flarry

Apologies: Karen Bradford, Gordon Daly, Jim McLachlan, James Allan, Andy Carnduff, Cicely Oliver, Andy Devenport, John McGowan

1	Notes from last meeting – approved	
2	<p>Matters arising –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transport Scotland discussion – request for meeting date had been made by PB and RR. The group were asked if anyone else would like to attend – Graeme Harvey and Richard Davies requested to be added to the group. Stuart Rennie subsequently contacted PB and was added. 2. Catherine Topley was scheduled to talk to Board about recognition for this group 3. Catherine Topley would also submit the request from the group to have an observer to attend the Board meetings 4. IWA were agreeable for the group to use Waterways for All with the addition of ‘Scottish’ 5. Code of Conduct – agreed unanimously 6. Web presence Jonathan Mosse had all the information he required to go ahead with IWA hosting the SWfA information 	<p>PB</p> <p>RM</p> <p>RM</p> <p>JM</p>
3	<p>Constitution</p> <p>Discussion on comments received –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 LCA Navigation and Safety Committee will continue to manage the regular health and safety meetings with Scottish Canals in their own right, rather than as a subcommittee of the advisory group. However, they are happy to raise any relevant issues brought to their attention by members of SWfA. <i>This was agreed</i> 2 Clarity as to the relationship between LCVG and SWfA. If LCVG is merely being renamed as SWfA then the constitution should clarify whether or not they intend to organise volunteer services on the highland canals as well. <i>It was agreed that expanding SWfA remit to cover all canals was something everyone wanted both in the advisory sense as well as volunteering. This would be an ongoing discussion</i> 3 If LCVG is to remain as an independent organisation, then how will the finances of the two organisations be separated? <i>It was agreed that other organisations manage a variety of funding streams within one organisation which we will do in the meantime.</i> 4 Fergus Duncanson feedback that we had lost the advisory word from the Constitution as we agreed to remove it from the name. The Consitution had been updated to include this as a statutory aim - <p style="text-align: center;">“Being recognised as an advisory body by Scottish Canals and Transport Scotland”</p> 	

	<p>5 Andy Carnduff had very kindly sent a redrafted Constitution. Although appreciative of this I feel we have discussed the original one a lot and would prefer if we could keep as is and retain Andy's version for the review after the first year as I am sure there will be various bits and pieces that need updated. I hope everyone is okay with this. <i>This was agreed.</i></p> <p>It was emphasised that after 1 year this document and the operation of the group would be reviewed with a view to adjust to suit actual activities.</p> <p>6 Following a discussion about the name of the group, it was agreed that the name would become 'Scottish Waterways for All, incorporating LCVG in order to ensure it is Scotland-wide and inclusive. All subsequent references should reflect this change.</p> <p>Constitution was subsequently agreed by all and signed by 12 people present.</p>	
4	<p>Interim Management Committee – it was agreed that this would comprise a core group with additional individuals being co-opted to plug skills gaps. It was also agreed that the Interim Management Committee would run until August 2020.</p> <p>Graeme Harvey volunteered to continue as Treasurer, which was welcomed. It was agreed that additional members would be Stuart Rennie, Richard Davis, Gordon Daly/Jonathan Mosse t.b.c., a Highland Canals' representative, Ronnie Rusack, Don Williams, a representative from the Forth & Clyde Canal Society, Pat Bowie, Richard Millar, Josie Saunders and Mark Smith from Scottish Canals.</p> <p>Graeme Harvey agreed to approach David Edes about being a member of SWFA to ensure Highland representation.</p> <p>Absent members of the group would be asked if they wished to be co-opted onto the Management Committee and Fergus agreed to circulate a spread sheet so the group could identify skills gaps in order to ascertain a wide range of skills and knowledge were available within the group.</p>	GH FD
5	<p>Office Bearers – after discussion it was agreed Ronnie Rusack would remain Chair, Pat Bowie would be vice-chair and look after the Actions List in the meantime, Graeme Harvey – Treasurer and SC would clarify if they can provide secretarial support. Failing this Karen Bradford would be approached and asked if she would be willing to carry out the role of Secretary.</p>	
6	<p>Action List – PB had created a spreadsheet with all of the comments received. Each item was discussed with various actions which would be updated at the next meeting. See attached Dredging - presentation would be brought to the next meeting Vegetation Management –presentation would be brought to the next meeting</p>	PB RM RM
7	<p>Volunteer Development Worker update from Carol Bell – lots being achieved but training and budget were still an issue. Volunteers working</p>	

	well on Lochrin and Colin G. Carol confirmed she has a programme of works she is working through.	
8	<p>AOCB –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hugh Morrison's letter re transiting the Crinan was noted 2. Josie shared details of SC's plans to issue a boater satisfaction survey. She will run past group before distributing. 3. RR requested a note of number of ops staff on the 4 canals for next meeting 4. The Year of Coast and Water 2020 - after discussion it was agreed that Stuart Rennie would write to Fiona Hyslop to progress the groups involvement in this. Josie to send me her briefing notes to date to allow Stuart to base letter on what had been discussed previously. 	<p>JS</p> <p>RM</p> <p>JS/SL</p>
9	Date of next meeting – Monday 2 nd September 10.00am The Falkirk Wheel	