

Minutes

London Waterways Commission

Meeting

Monday, 3 September 2007, Committee Room 4/5

Present: See attached list

Apologies: Tom Bogdanowich, Archie Galloway, George Nicholson, Richard Rutter

Item no.	Item discussion	Action
1	<p>Welcome, Minutes & Matters Arising</p> <p>Murad Qureshi (MQ) welcomed everyone to the meeting and agreed the Minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>It was noted that no response had been received from the ODA in relation to the LWC letter and agreement to come to Olympics sub group.</p> <p>JW will be meeting ODA.</p>	<p>KR to contact ODA re missing actions.</p> <p>JW to note that DB wishes to join Olympic sub group</p>
2	<p>Report back on Chairs' activities</p> <p>MQ reported on various activities and thanked the Angel Canal Festival for his invitation. He raised 3 issues at the Olympics Planning Committee, high river walls, water freight and pedestrian access.</p> <p>DB asked about progress with Goodsway Moorings, MQ had confidential but productive meetings with boaters and developers.</p> <p>MQ thanked the PLA for their support with the Mayor's Thames Festival</p> <p>KR advised that attendance at the Your River Your Say event (part of Mayor's Thames Festival) was by "lottery" but if any Commissioners wished to attend to let him know and places would be secured. DB indicated his wish to attend. Jose lapre will report to next meeting on outcomes of event.</p> <p>MQ intends to organise a boat trip for the Commission, probably on the Regents Canal</p>	<p>MQ to organise boat trip</p> <p>JL to report to Nov meeting outcome of event</p>
3	<p>TfL Walking & Cycling Strategy</p> <p>Peter McBride was unwell but KG gave a summary report.</p> <p>TfL have appointed Faber Maunsell to examine opportunities for towpath use and improvements. KG to supply key points of study.</p> <p>RS concerned at conflict between cyclists and pedestrians. Hackney Marshes cited as a good example of having a separate cycle route and same could be done in Victoria Park. SR concerned that towpaths being surfaced without regard to needs of boaters, for example for emergency stops.</p> <p>JW BW have commissioned work on a Parallel Route off the canal from Paddington to Olympics. RS suggested that LWC could have more influence than BW with</p>	<p>PM to present to Nov meeting</p> <p>KG to supply key points</p> <p>MQ to discuss parallel route with London Councils</p>

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	boroughs. MQ agreed to pursue this with London Councils.	
4	<p>Website Progress</p> <p>KR reported that website is operational and welcomed any suggestions for improvements.</p>	All pass feedback to KR
5	<p>Thames Estuary 2100 Flood Risk Management</p> <p>Dave Wardle gave a presentation on the current progress with the EA project. Presentation will be emailed separate to minutes and available on website.</p> <p>Key points from discussion:.</p> <p>The high scenarios which are being modelled would dramatically change or even permanently flood many coastal cities but London could manage the risk.</p> <p>DCLG is aware that Thames Gateway is a flood plain but Flood risk assessments could lead to a balanced approach to risk and some benefits for those already at risk.</p> <p>The Dutch face similar problems, but they are also examining fluvial flows from major rivers.</p> <p>Fluvial flows are not a major issue for central and east London but are a big issue for west London.</p> <p>Sewage pollution of the Thames will be addressed by the Thames Tideway which now has the go-ahead and is scheduled to be complete by 2020 although exact design and funding is not fully resolved.</p> <p>The number of times that the Thames Barrier can be used per year is limited to about 70 due to maintenance needs. So far in 25 years of operation the Barrier has been used just over 100 times. It would be useful to indicate how many closures are due to tidal threat and how many fluvial.</p> <p>Current operation of the Barrier does not have a significant impact on navigation. EA and PLA liaise closely regarding the operation of the Barrier</p> <p>A key aspect of the current presentation is to raise awareness of the current work and to encourage debate about the socio-economic impacts that future flood risk may have.</p> <p>DW will report back to LWC following the current consultation.</p>	<p>KR to circulate presentation.</p> <p>KR to supply diagram with fluvial v tidal barrier closures.</p> <p>DW to return to future LWC meeting</p>
6	<p>Update from Freight Working Group</p> <p>Group met in August, KG and BH presented a paper to the meeting – copy attached with minutes.</p> <p>Key points from discussion:.</p> <p>Three main market areas are River Thames, River Lee Navigation, West London Canal.</p> <p>Main cargo types, waste & recycle, construction & demolition materials, Combined Heat & Power Fuel and other bulk fuels.</p> <p>There has been recent investment, Winding hole in west London, Powerday wharf, Prescott Lock, dredging, Multi modal Refuse collection Vehicle.</p> <p>TfL Commissioned Water Freight Guidance, dredging Survey, investigation of up river container terminal.</p>	<p>KG & BH to further refine proposal and consider funding links with MW.</p> <p>MQ & BH to work up planning officer education project.</p>

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	<p>Recommendation of £30k contribution to a study into opportunities and facilities on the Lee Navigation to be delivered by March 2008. Waterside developments should have conditions to ensure use of water transport during construction, this has been included in Mayor's Further Alterations to the London Plan.</p> <p>LWC does not have sufficient funds in 2007/8 but MQ will consider the appropriate route for the proposal. MW agreed to speak to KG regarding funding of study.</p> <p>MQ intends to pursue a project to inform local authority planners of the issues regarding the Blue Ribbon Network and how to implement them through planning decisions. BH offered to work with MQ on this through London Councils.</p>	
7	<p>Update on Sewer Overflows</p> <p>TD not present, info on sewer volumes to be emailed when available</p>	TD to supply sewer overflow information
8	<p>Questions to the Commission</p> <p>One question regarding the Thames Festival was received and answered by GN. One question has been received for the next meeting, the deadline for submission of questions to the November meeting is noon Monday 5th November.</p>	KR to send question with minutes
9	<p>GLA River Services Workshop</p> <p>KR informed the group that he had set up a meeting of operators of passenger services on the Thames to examine current operations, constraints and future opportunities. Weds 12th September. A report back on outcomes will be presented at the November meeting.</p>	KR to report to Nov meeting
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>Some Commissioners expressed concern that some of the previous attendees at the Thames & Waterways Stakeholders Forum felt left out of current engagement activities. MQ replied that he was keen to engage with a wide range of Londoners and the events targeted had enabled this.</p> <p>JR asked about the LWC budget and stated he was unaware of its existence.</p>	KR to attach a summary of LWC budget to Minutes.

Future LWC meetings:

Monday 19 Nov 2007 City Hall 18:00 – 20:30

November agenda items

TfL Olympics Walking and Cycling Plans
ODA report back on Olympics Progress
Report back from River Services Workshop
Report on Sewer Overflow volumes
Stakeholder Questions

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3rd Sept 2007 Meeting

Commission Members Attendance

Name	Initials used	Tick for attendance
Murad Qureshi (Co Chair)	MQ	✓
Kevin Reid GLA	KR	✓
Jose Lapre GLA	JL	Apologies
Organisational Representatives		
Richard Rutter, British Waterways	RRu	Apologies
Robert Runcie, Environment Agency	RR	✓
Richard Everitt, Port of London Authority	RE	✓
Keith Gardner, Transport for London	KG	✓
Michelle Washington, London Dev Agency	MW	✓
Gary Beckwith, Visit London	GB	✓
Deborah Leach, Thames21	DL	
Barry Edwards, River Thames Society	BE	✓
Roger Squires, Inland Waterways Assoc	RB	✓
Jill Goddard, Thames Estuary Partnership	JG	✓
George Nicholson, London Rivers Association	GN	Apologies
Archie Galloway, London Councils	AG	Apologies
Cllr Brian Haley, London Councils	BH	✓
Cllr Barry O'Mahony, London Councils	BOH	
Tony Denton Thames Water	TD	
Individual Representatives		
Del Brenner	DB	✓
Gerry Heward	GH	✓
Jonathan Rosenberg	JB	✓
Lindy Kelly	LK	✓
Jim Walker	JW	✓
Oliver Schick, (for Tom Bogdanowicz)	OS	Apologies
Michael Mainelli	MM	✓
Simon Robbins	SR	✓