

# Minutes

## London Waterways Commission

### Meeting

Monday, 23 February 2009, Cttee Room 4-5

**Present:** See attached list

**Apologies:** Cllr Brian Haley, Michael Mainelli, Archie Galloway, Tony Denton, Keith Gardner,

Item no.	Item discussion	Action
1	<p><b>Welcome, Minutes &amp; Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Murad Qureshi (<b>MQ</b>) welcomed everyone to the meeting and agreed the Minutes of the previous meeting, subject to 1 correction - Simon Robbins had given his apologies</p> <p>Del Brenner disagreed with Minute Item 3 but the minute remains unchanged</p> <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Item 1</b> George Nicholson of London Rivers Association has resigned from the Commission. The Chair thanked him for his input.</p> <p><b>Item 4</b> Some Commissioners had not seen the notes of planning training events held in summer 2008</p> <p>Post meeting note Chair will invite West London River Group to replace LRA on the Commission</p>	<p><b>KR</b> to re-send seminar notes and attendance lists – attached with minutes</p>
3	<p><b>Thames Gateway Parklands Sir Terry Farrell</b></p> <p>Sir Terry gave a presentation on his thoughts about rivers, waterspaces and green spaces in the Thames Gateway drawing on his experience in other waterside locations notably Newcastle Quayside and Birmingham's Brindley Place. – A copy of Sir Terry's presentation will be posted on the website</p> <p>Commissioners comments included:</p> <p><b>Tom Bogdanowicz</b> – need to build in cycleways</p> <p><b>Jill Goddard</b> – good quality Design is all important – also invite Sir Terry to speak at the Thames Estuary Partnership Forum on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009.</p> <p><b>Michelle Washington</b> – With the withdrawal of support for the Thames Gateway Bridge, does Sir Terry feel more bridges are needed</p> <p><b>Sir Terry</b> – need to consider the longer term role of the river in shipping terms. To create a more connected place needs more bridges but this would be incompatible with the use for large ocean going vessels.</p> <p><b>Dido Berkeley</b> (Observer) – There is a need for a waterway plan to identify where river infrastructure should be. There should be a strategy for the section of Thames that lies between Thames Strategy Kew- Chelsea and Thames Strategy East.</p>	

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	<p><b>Julian Kingston</b> (Observer)– The Thames Path can isolate essential river uses like wharves and boatyards</p> <p><b>Sylvia Wicks</b> (Observer)– What mechanism could be used to extend the Thames Gateway Parklands concept up to the tidal limit at Teddington</p>	
2	<p><b>Report back on Chairs’ activities</b></p> <p>Murad reported on his activities and in particular suggested that the Commissioners may like to enter a team into the Charity Dragonboat race on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009.</p>	<p><b>MQ</b> to arrange Dragonboat team</p>
4	<p><b>River Passenger Concordat Group and Cruise Liner Research</b></p> <p><b>Kevin Reid</b> updated the group on progress with the two projects.</p> <p>River Passenger Concordat – Commissioners questioned why some piers had not been identified for action. Kevin said that the list given in the paper was a prioritised list, ie the most important ones to be upgraded, extended or built, other piers were generally fit for their current level of demand.</p> <p>Cruise Liner research – has been commissioned and is due to report in May 2009. Commissioners wishing to make an input should inform Kevin – Jill Goddard volunteered and Kevin has noted James Jegede’s (Observer) interest from the previous meeting.</p>	<p><b>KR</b> to ensure that Cruise Liner consultants contact Jill and James</p>
5	<p><b>Update on Desalination Plan</b></p> <p>Paper was accepted although Tony was not present for any further discussion.</p> <p>It was noted that the original request regarded information of discharge volumes from Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)</p>	<p><b>Tony Denton</b> to investigate available of CSO information</p>
6&7	<p><b>ODA Update/Olympics Working Group &amp; Freight Working Group</b></p> <p><b>Jim Walker</b> introduced his paper and commented that there had been good information sharing and collective working– note that Richard Jackson has been added to list of attendees</p> <p>River transport that is being established for the Olympics needs to be factored into Legacy Plans. Prescott Lock has received its first operational load.</p> <p><b>Richard Jackson</b> commented that the Legacy Masterplan Framework is being developed by LDA. A consultation exercise is underway and LWC should examine and respond to this – this is to be led by the two subgroups.</p> <p>There will also be a “Special Purpose Vehicle” established later in 2009 to implement the Legacy.</p> <p>It was also noted that 13 Cruise Liner Visits have been booked during the Games period.</p> <p>A problem was reported in connection with the restrictions under the railway bridge near Bow East Wharf.</p> <p>There is a need to identify the top 10 canalside sites which present opportunities for canal borne freight. – <b>Kevin Reid</b> to do this.</p> <p><b>Howard Davison</b> reported that the Environment Agency has commenced a £2million dredging operation between Tottenham Lock – Old Ford on the Lee</p>	<p><b>KR</b> to identify top potential canal freight sites for next meeting</p> <p><b>Sub group</b> to meet to examine Legacy Plans prior to next meeting</p>

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8	<p><b>Budget</b>  <b>Kevin</b> presented the paper on the budget  Commissioners were disappointed at the budget cuts and particularly concerned about the impact on future year's budgets.  <b>Del Brenner</b> asked that Budget be a standing item on the Agenda  Post meeting note – 2009-10 budget not yet confirmed</p>	<p><b>MQ</b> to write to the Mayor regarding the budget</p>
9	<p><b>AOB</b>  <b>Murad</b> suggested that the Commission produce an Annual Report – with headlines from the Minutes and a paragraph from each of the Commissioners.  <b>Ian Wallace</b> (Observer) commented that there was scope for Innovation in barge design to meet modern requirements and that there is a need to share information about navigation around the Bow Back Rivers.</p>	<p><b>MQ</b> to produce Mayoral term report</p>

### Attachments

Planning Seminar notes and attendees

### Future LWC Meeting:

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009 18:00 – 20:30

### Future Agenda Items:

Progress report on Cruise Liner Terminal  
Canal Freight sites  
Budget  
Thames Estuary 2100

## Commission Members Attendance

Name	Initials used	Tick for attendance
Murad Qureshi (Chair)	MQ	✓
Kevin Reid GLA	KR	✓
<b>Organisational Representatives</b>		
Mark Bensted, British Waterways	MB	✓
Howard Davidson, Environment Agency	HD	✓
James Trimmer Port of London Authority	JT	✓
Keith Gardner, Transport for London	KG	Apologies
Michelle Washington, London Dev Agency	MW	✓
Gary Beckwith, Visit London	GB	✓
Deborah Leach, Thames21	DL	
Jack Betteridge, River Thames Society	JB	✓
Roger Squires, Inland Waterways Assoc	RS	✓
Jill Goddard, Thames Estuary Partnership	JG	✓
Archie Galloway, London Councils	AG	Apologies
Cllr Brian Haley, London Councils	BH	Apologies
Cllr Barry O'Mahony, London Councils	BO	
Cllr Nicholas Botterill, London Councils	NB	
Tony Denton Thames Water	TD	Apologies
<b>Individual Representatives</b>		
Del Brenner	DB	✓
Gerry Heward	GH	✓
Jonathan Rosenberg	JR	✓
Lindy Kelly	LK	✓
Jim Walker	JW	✓
Tom Bogdanowicz	TB	✓
Michael Mainelli	MM	Apologies
Simon Robbins	SR	✓

## Observers Attendance

Name	Affiliation (s) not already given)	Email (if	Tick for attendance
Jonathan Akehurst	Brett		
Tim Beckett	Beckett Rankine		
Dido Berkeley	Thamesbank		
John Churchill	NLLDC		
Rob Gray	Environment Trust for Richmond		
Janet Harding	Along the Lea Group		
Julian Kingston			
Roger Mutton	Green Barge Company		
John Powell	Thames Strategy Kew- Chelsea		
Ann Sayer	Teddington Society		
Anne Wainwright	Hermitage River Moorings		
Ian Wallace			
Sylvia Wicks			