



Lake Working Group Meeting Minutes

held on 11th March 2024 at 6pm, in the Committee Room, Village Centre.

Present: Cllr Bridget Culley (Chair) (BC), Cllr Jeanette Davies (JD), Charlotte Rimmer (CR), Alex Martin (AM), Cllr Dave Peart (DP).

In attendance: Maxine Owen (Clerk) (MO) Members of the Parish: 0

Meeting start: 19:00

1. **Introduction led by the chair:** General Welcome.
2. No public speaking time required as closed meeting to review progress.
3. Apologies for absence: None
4. Declarations of interest: None

5. **Topic 1: Introduction of Draft Management Plan**

- 5.1 Summary of Discussion: CR shared draft plan she has written. Just a few gaps in information to fill in. CR wishes to organize a meeting with the anglers of the Fishing Syndicate to understand their perspective. Agreed that close management of the Grounds Maintenance team when cutting in the Lake area. Alex is working on getting sign-up of anglers for this year's fishing. The lake was stocked with fish on 28.03.23 last year. CR requested AM to provide her with the rules of the syndicate to be included in the Management Plan – how many fish can be taken etc?

CR advised that she would like to map the memorial trees. Some signs are getting old. There should be a policy on future memorial. Who maintains the signs, what happens if the tree dies etc.

CR advised that she would like to run a hedge-laying workshop for volunteers next autumn, to particularly deal with the hedge at the Derrydown end.

Cllr Peart confirmed that the Bat Box had been moved.

There was discussion about wildlife surveys that might be useful in the Lake area, and could help the committee obtain granny money for projects in the future.

CR will provide MO with details of a good wildlife camera as the PC have put money in the 24-25 budget to buy one.

ACTION: Provide CR with Fishing Syndicate Rules – **AM**

ACTION: Map current Memorials – **CR**

ACTION: Send details of appropriate wildlife camera to Clerk – **CR**

6. **Topic 2: Geese**

- 6.1 Summary of discussion: The number of geese on the lake was discussed, and all agreed that their numbers are probably too high. CR advised that a general licence would be required to oil the eggs which she would sort out. Access to the islands would be key, so investigations into the state of the boat would be made.

ACTION: Make plan for dealing with geese eggs – **CR**

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ACTION: Find appropriate vessel to access the islands – **CR & Clerk**

7 Topic 3: Trees

7.1 Summary of discussion: MO advised that the approval for the first round of tree work in the parish had been approved by BDBC. There had been a request for the tree contractor not to commence works until the toads had left, this was estimated to be around mid-April, so arrangements are being made with Groundlord to start works then. Groundlord will be well aware we will be heading into nesting season by then, and will take the appropriate steps to ensure no nesting birds are disturbed unnecessarily or harmed in any way. The tree work required is considered urgent.

ACTION: Confirm dates for tree work as soon as agreed – **Clerk**

8 Topic 4: Meetings

8.1 Summary of discussion: It was agreed that the following meetings would take place:

Sunday 17th March 2024 2pm – Working Group to walk around lake to make working map

Wednesday 3rd April 2024 7pm – Open Lake Committee Meeting

Saturday 20th April 2024 starting 9:30am – Volunteer Day in Lake Surround

ACTION: Book Main Hall for 3rd April Open Meeting– **Clerk**

ACTION: Investigate options for projector & sound - **Clerk**

ACTION: Consider list of Jobs for Volunteer Day – **ALL**

9 Topic 5: Funding

9.1 Summary of Discussion: Cllr Davies had pre-circulated some information on various opportunities and organisations we could approach for grant funding for projects. Projects to be decided and added to the Management Plan as appropriate.

ACTION: Continue investigating funding options – **Cllr Davies**

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 3rd April 2024

Meeting end: 20:15

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