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**Date: 18th October 2005**

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the **Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal - Crumlin Arm Working Group** will be held at the **Council Offices, Tredomen (Committee Room 1/2)** on **Tuesday, 25th October 2005** at **10.30 a.m.** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda.

Yours faithfully,

**Malgwyn Davies**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

## **A G E N D A**

1. To receive and note the minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2005 (copy attached)
2. To receive and consider the following matters:-

**(a) Canal Works – Current Status**

Previously Members were advised that the works to re-route the main water supply to the Canal provided by the Nant Carn had commenced on 14th September and were to be completed by the end of September. The duration of these works has been prolonged beyond the anticipated completion date. The works currently expected to conclude on 21st October 2005.

During the course of the works opportunity has been taken to undertake collection and clearance of debris from the dewatered length of the Canal.

An update on the progress of the works to reinstate the water supply will be given at the meeting.

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Although the ongoing works will re-establish the main water supply approximately 100m of the Canal, in the immediate vicinity of the Nant Carn Aqueduct, will remain dewatered until permanent works are implemented to restore the historic structure and its associated leaks. The Council's Engineering Consultancy have concluded a preliminary assessment of the condition of the Aqueduct which makes initial recommendations on the scope of remedial works required to the Aqueduct as part of the overall restoration of this Class II listed structure.

Capital Strategy Group has considered the continuation of the Canal's capital works budget beyond 2005/06. Subject to Council approval Capital Strategy Group recommended approval of an annual allocation, circa £250,000, for 2006/07 and beyond for capital improvement works to address the remaining works associated with safety and integrity of the Canal.

**(b) External Grants – Lottery Living Landmarks**

The Monmouthshire and Brecon Canals Regeneration Partnership (MBCRP) has continued to develop a major bid for up to £25 million of Lottery funding via the Living Landmarks programme for submission by 6th January 2006.

On 27th September 2005 Cabinet meet informally to receive and consider outline information on the scope of the Council's contribution to the prospective Lottery bid. Cabinet expressed potential support for inclusion of works and associated fees in the order of £2 million that would fund the Stage 1 recommendations of the Corridor Study i.e. the execution of works to address the remaining works associated with safety and integrity of the Canal.

Cabinet requested further detail on the conditions, particularly the implementation timescale, associated with the Lottery funding in order to further consider the potential to support a more extensive bid totalling £12.6 million that would allow implementation of the Stage 1 and 2 recommendations of the Corridor Study i.e. the securing of the integrity of the Canal and the removal of obstructions to navigation along the Caerphilly County Borough Council section of the Canal.

Lottery – Living Landmarks are holding a workshop for prospective applicants on 17th October 2005 at which it is anticipated that full detail will be provided to address various points of clarification requested to date by Caerphilly County Borough and our regional partners.

An update on the matters arising from the Lottery workshop will be given at the meeting.

**(c) Networking – Welsh Assembly All Party Group on Waterways**

A presentation on the Crumlin Arm Corridor Study was given to the quarterly meeting of the WAG Members' All Party Group on Waterways held on 11th October 2005.

A copy of the presentation is attached for members information and comment as agreed at the last meeting of the Working Group.

**(d) Licensing and Control**

This matter has not progressed since the last meeting of the Working Group.

**(e) Any Other Business**

Circulation:

**Councillors** Miss. L. Ackerman, K. Etheridge, D.M. Gray, E.K. Griffiths, S. Jenkins, M.H. Newman, M.G. Parker, Mrs R. Passmore, Mrs B.M. Toomer, D.T. Wiltshire

**Monmouthshire, Brecon and Abergavenny Canals Trust** - Mr. R.J. Dommett

And Appropriate Officers