



MONMOUTHSHIRE AND BRECON CANAL - CRUMLIN ARM WORKING GROUP – 26TH JULY 2011

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE CANAL

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. MAINTENANCE UPDATE

1.1 Canal Channel

The weed cutting/channel clearance regime for the coming year will continue at the reduced frequency of two visits. Clearance will be undertaken on the following dates:

- August 2011
- October 2011

1.2 Grass Maintenance

The first cut of this season was undertaken in early April 2011, subsequent cuts would be undertaken on the following indicative dates:

- 24th June 2011
- 20th July 2011
- 7th August 2011
- 11th September 2011
- 19th October 2011

2. 2011/2012 WORKS PROGRAMME

2.1 Towpath

No maintenance works planned for this year.

2.2 Access Enhancement

Improvement works to the access points at Pontywaun. The scope of works at this location will include the installation of vehicle and motorcycle barriers, areas of block paving, re-surfacing of the towpath from Pontywaun Feed to Pontywaun Bridge and the installation of litter and dog fouling bins. Programmed for late autumn.

2.3 Water Control

No further water control measures planned for this year.

2.4 Dredging

No dredging planned for this year.

2.5 Tree Maintenance

Tree maintenance works were undertaken in February, this involved removal of damaged and diseased trees together with some ecological enhancement.

2.6 External Funding

The Countryside and Landscape Group secured external funding from WEFO in the sum of £50,000.00 for access enhancement. Elements of the works identified above have been funded from this source.

2.7 Channel Leak Repair

Design works are on going to develop a re-lining scheme at the Pontywaun section. The option being developed will consist of a composite construction formed from reinforced concrete walls and a synthetic liner. It is hoped to commence these works towards the end of August.

3. FUNDING

3.1 Capital

It is understood that there will be no capital budget allocation for the 2011/2012 financial year.

3.2 Revenue

The 2011/2012 budget is in the region of £230,000, which includes a carry over from 2011/2011.

Expenditure under this heading is allocated to cover the cost of grass and channel maintenance, tree maintenance, general cleansing, towpath repair, management cost, emergency response and the repair of the leak at Pontywaun.

4. BOATS

All boats were removed from the canal by their owners last year; we have yet to receive any application from owners to put their boats back on the canal.

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