



MONMOUTHSHIRE AND BRECON CANAL - CRUMLIN ARM WORKING GROUP – 22ND JUNE 2017

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE CANAL

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES

1. MAINTENANCE UPDATE

1.1 Canal Channel

The need to undertake weed cutting/channel maintenance will be reviewed, and if identified as being required will be programmed for October 2017. This will again be closely monitored by both Officers from Ecology and the Engineering Projects Group.

1.2 Grass Maintenance

The first cut of the season was undertaken in March 2017 and passed without major incident. The cutting will progress to the agreed regime and will include the amended cutting patterns along the Manor Road section.

2. 2017/2018 WORKS PROGRAMME

2.1 Towpath

General maintenance will be carried out.

2.2 Access Enhancement

General maintenance will be carried out.

2.3 Water Control

No works are planned for the remainder of this financial year.

2.4 Dredging

No works are planned for the remainder of this year.

2.5 Tree Maintenance

A tree survey over the full length of the Canal has been completed. Elements of tree maintenance were undertaken in February/March 2017 which dealt with low lying branches that currently obstruct passage along the Canal channel. This was not completed due to nesting birds and will be resumed during the autumn.

2.6 External Funding

Officers within CCBC's Economic Development Section are currently working with neighbouring authorities to compile bids in attempt to secure funding for further improvements at key areas along the Canal. It is understood that this is progressing well and in this respect the use of the Canal capital funding as match funding is being considered.

2.7 Channel Leak Repair

The second phase of works is well underway but has experienced further delays due to unforeseen site conditions which has added possibly 15 to 20 weeks to the overall contract period, giving a revised completion date of the end of June 2017.

2.8 Emergency Works

There have been no defects requiring emergency action identified during this period.

3. FUNDING

3.1 Capital

A capital budget allocation for 2016/17 was confirmed as £212k plus a £209k carry over from 2015/16, giving a total budget of £421k. This funding was used to complete the Phase 2 channel leak repair at Pontywaun.

Anticipated funding for 2017/18 currently stands at £212k which will be used to progress Phase 3 of the channel leak repair works at Pontywaun.

3.2 Revenue

The budget for 2016/17 of £100k was spent in full. The anticipated budget for 2017/18 currently stands at £105k.

4. BOATS

4.1 No update in this respect.

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