

Chris Gray

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2011 12:04
To: Damian Kemp
Cc: [REDACTED]; Sally Ash; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Community Mooring Plans

Hello Damian,

Monday, February 7, 2011, 10:10:24 AM, you wrote:

> Hi

> Sorry for the delay in replying. I hope you had a good weekend. I will
> aim to start sourcing the information/mapping requested below probably
> around Weds/Thurs - please accept my apologies but, due to other
> time-sensitive projects, you're unlikely to receive any of it before
> Friday. I hope this is ok.

Friday should be fine. That will give me time to get copies [REDACTED] (who is not available by email).

Regards

> Kind regards
> Damian

> -----Original Message-----

> From: [REDACTED]
> Sent: 03 February 2011 12:26
> To: Damian Kemp
> Cc: [REDACTED]
> Subject: Community Mooring Plans

> Dear Damian,

> Sally and I had a useful meeting last week and we thought it would
> be useful to have a few refinements of the Staffordshire sightings
> maps -

> 1. Sightings with and without home moorings. Possibly the current
> version includes one of these.

> 2. Unique boat sightings.

> 3. At the Lichfield District Council presentation Sally quoted a
> 'an annual total visiting boats' figure for Alrewas and similar
> figures would be most useful for other hot spots as they are
> clear indicators of potential tourist income.

> 4. We have meeting in Fazeley on Feb 15th with Tamworth Cruising

- > Club who we hope to recruit to draw up plans for Fazeley and
 - > Tamworth. DO you have any additional stats that would be useful for
 - > that discussion? Two people from TMCC will attend, [REDACTED] (my
 - > main contact) [REDACTED], TMCC [REDACTED] : can't attend has he
 - > has a prior appointment.
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- > I will be drawing up an agenda and various other drafts for that
 - > meeting and will share them with you prior to the meeting.

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Best regards,

[REDACTED]

Chris Gray

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 January 2011 10:10
To: Damian Kemp
Subject: Re: Email 1 of 3, more maps

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Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 2:56:41 PM, you wrote:

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Yes - thanks.

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Hope this helps.

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Actually, I think a varied pattern will tend to give a more average picture.

There are regional variations – the reasons for this vary from manpower to geographical accessibility etc. I believe the national average to be lower, much closer to 20 days, but I will try to get an accurate figure from the enforcement manager.

That would be useful and add to overall understanding.

Thinking of your aim – to relate to councillors how many boats represent the opportunity for increasing trade from moored boaters – I'm not sure that the data is anything more than indicative. The problem is that because of the frequency we have no way of accurately reflecting two important things – how many boats are passing through vs. mooring and also the usage of moorings at honey pot sites. It could be that our patrols don't sight any boats on a particular mooring when they visit but it's then constantly occupied for the other 29 days before they re-visit that mooring site again.

Whether moving or moored could be a simple checkbox/radio button on the computer screen that would probably enable deeper analysis in this regard.

It'll come as no surprise that our aim, where there are high concentrations of boats, is to enrol the help of third parties to increase the number of sightings we get. We see this partly being achieved through local mooring strategies.

Yes. I was particularly interested in the plans to write software for (smart)phones. I think I mentioned that the Android phone (developed by Google) was as good a candidate as the Iphone and better than Windows Mobile.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 December 2010 13:08
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Subject: Re: Local Mooring Strategies

Dear Damian,

Monday, December 6, 2010, 1:03:19 PM, you wrote:

No problem [REDACTED]

Sounds like a good mix you're bringing along (I have only met Rex out the four).

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In the meantime have a great weekend.

Kind regards
Damian

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 November 2010 16:27
To: Damian Kemp
Subject: Re: Local Mooring Strategies

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Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 January 2011 14:31
To: Damian Kemp
Subject: Re: Local Mooring Strategies

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hello Damian,

Thursday, January 6, 2011, 1:54:17 PM, you wrote:

How are things going? Any news on the more detailed maps and other stats?

Cheers

[REDACTED]

> [REDACTED]

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> I hope you had a great festive period.

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> Please find attached a rather large map. As is evident this is the
> boundaries map. Obviously Staffs is quite a big area so our mapping
> expert felt the information was best conveyed digitally in a layered
> PDF. A man of your IT skills will have no difficulty in using it but,
> just to be on the safe side, I've copied the instructions given to me.
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> was one particular area that you needed in precise detail then do let
> me know and I'll do my best to get it over to you.

> I've spent most of yesterday and today working on the data for the 3D
> density maps but I don't expect this to be ready until, at the earliest, next Wednesday.

> Kind regards
> Damian

> -----Original Message-----

> From: [REDACTED]
> Sent: 21 December 2010 10:00
> To: Damian Kemp
> Subject: Local Mooring Strategies

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Understood - knowing how many have a postal address of Alrewas would help.

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That is very useful - it printed out well. I also did a zoom/cut&paste to get a larger section of Lichfield District but that didn't work as well as the various boundary lines come out too thick.

I was surprised to see how little of the canal actually fell into Alrewas CP and how much fell into Fradley & Streethay CP - until recently the two used to be a single CP. This highlights some of the practical issues as it would make sense for the two parishes to make a different division. This is exactly the sort of information we need to address.

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If you could give me more detail on Lichfield DC, Staffordshire Moorlands DC (which contains the Caldon Canal) and Stafford District B (lives in Stone). That should give us enough to get started.

Hopefully, the detail for Lichfield DC will clarify the issue I mention above as regards Alrewas CP & Fradley & Streethay CP. I have made initial contacts with people in F&S CP and Fishwick CP (Whittington).

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My perspective:

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Hi Will,

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Just to confirm, we've provisionally agreed to meet on Friday the 17th of December at Fazeley. The time of the meeting will be confirmed once you've spoken to other interested parties. Could I take this opportunity to mention that we want to limit this first meeting to probably no more than six or seven people (including you, me and Sally) so I'd appreciate it if you could bear this in mind (it should also help us settle on a start time a bit more easily!)

If at all possible I'd like to confirm the start time by the end of next week so that I can book a meeting room at Fazeley. As agreed, I'll send through the 'templates' we've used for the K&A and Lee as soon as I've agreed them with Sally (I'm hoping this will be next week some time.)

In the meantime have a great weekend.

Chris Gray

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 January 2011 22:31
To: Sally Ash
Cc: Damian Kemp
Subject: Re: Parish Forum

Hello Sally,

Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 10:09:49 AM, you wrote:

How about Barton Turns Marina? I need to do some shopping there on Thursday and there is a coffee shop there that should be open.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- > Sorry I couldn't stick around last night to catch up after the
- > meeting. Hope you thought it went OK.
- > By chance, I will have an hour or so to spare between Derby and Burton
- > on Trent on Thursday morning this week so could stop by in Alrewas to
- > catch up and talk about next steps on local mooring plans
- > if you happen to be available. Say 9.30 ish? I have a meeting
- > with Waterways World in Burton at 11.30.
- > Best wishes
- > Sally

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Best regards,

[REDACTED]

Chris Gray

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 December 2010 10:00
To: Damian Kemp
Subject: Local Mooring Strategies

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Dear Damian,

How difficult would it be to provide me a list of the names of boat owners (addresses not necessary but postcodes would be helpful) resident in Alrewas? I know quite a few but I would like to get a feel for how many there are.

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Best regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Save Our Waterways
www.saveourwaterways.org

Chris Gray

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 January 2011 17:41
To: Sally Ash
Cc: Damian Kemp
Subject: Letter of authorisation

Dear Sally,

You were correct, I need a letter from BW giving me some sort of authorisation to put together mooring strategy groups in areas we feel are worth early consideration.

When you suggested it, I thought it wouldn't be necessary as I had in mind to involve people I have worked with before. However, after talking to one contact, [REDACTED] he felt it would make sense to to work through his club (Tamworth Cruising Club). Their committee subsequently asked for evidence that this was a BW supported initiative.

As a target for a mooring strategy it is an interesting area on four grounds:

1. It straddles the BW boundary of West Midlands and Central Shires
2. One side of that boundary is Tamworth DC and on the other Lichfield DC, both being within Staffordshire CC.
3. It passes through 4 parishes: Fazeley, Shuttington, Drayton Basset and Wigginton & Hopwas.
4. Includes two canals, the Coventry and the Birmingham Fazeley

All this within 4 miles of waterway with at least 3 distinct types of mooring environments. In the long term I can imagine at least two of the parishes being interested as they contain popular overnight mooring stops with pubs and shops.

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Best regards,

[REDACTED]
<http://waterwaywatch.org>

Chris Gray

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 January 2011 12:24
To: Sally Ash
Cc: Damian Kemp
Subject: Lichfield District Council Parish Forum

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Sally,

Really good to hear that you will be able to make a presentation the LDC Parish Forum on Jan 24th.

I have been in touch with [REDACTED] Performance, Policy and Procurement Manager of Lichfield District Council about the timing of our agenda slot and he tells me that we are 3rd on the agenda of Main Items and that we have up to 30 minutes for presentation and questions from the floor.

Steve has requested advance copies of any powerpoint presentations so that he can get them loaded onto the LDC system in advance of the presentation.

The meeting start at 7pm and will be at the Lichfield DC offices in Frog Lane just a few hundred yards from Lichfield City Station and I would be happy to pick you up from there. Trains run frequently from Birmingham New Street.

Damian has started feeding me with maps showing the boundaries of Staffs County and each of the Districts and Parishes as they relate to BW Regions and the canals - they are very informative and could be used at the meeting. He is also working on some boat movement stats and I have asked for a more detailed boundaries maps for Lichfield DC.

What I am hoping to achieve is to give the audience (Parish, District and County Councillors) an overall view of how NWC will be structured and the benefits that it could bring to Staffordshire through closer engagement with its waterways. Then, to give them a well-defined opportunity by asking for the to help us to establish local mooring strategies. I thought I might also ask [REDACTED] (who will be running a Mooring Strategy in Stone) and possibly another stalwart who is resident near the Caldon Canal. That would give them an opportunity to do a bit of networking afterwards.

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Best regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Save Our Waterways
www.saveourwaterways.org

Chris Gray

From: Sally Ash
Sent: 27 January 2011 22:52
To: Darren Green; Tony Harvey; Damian Kemp
Cc: Simon Salem
Subject: Update on [REDACTED] /Lichfield etc
Attachments: Lichfield 24 Jan 11.ppt

Herewith the presentation I delivered on Monday evening in Lichfield on Monday.

I had a couple of hours to spare between other meetings at Sawley and Burton today so met up with Will to pursue the local mooring plans development. He's keen to mobilise people to work on these within all canalside parishes in Staffordshire. I'm encouraging him to concentrate on getting one relatively small area worked up as a model before going too big/wide. Because of personality conflicts within Alrewas (he and [REDACTED] don't see eye to eye apparently), the current proposal is that we start with Fazeley, (where we know that there are persistent and embarrassing continuous moorer challenges opposite our office from time to time). I'm proposing meeting him and someone called [REDACTED] of Tamworth Cruising Club, and hopefully a Fazeley parish councillor, to discuss possible next steps in this respect – tentatively fixed for 4pm on 15th Feb. Darren – are you OK with this and would you like to join us? Could I book a Fazeley room please?

Damian – the data you've got mapped for the area is really helpful. Please could you organise another 3D sightings density one that excludes local long term moorers? (i.e. includes cont cruisers and people with long term moorings outside the mapped area?

Comments welcomed.

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From: Sally Ash
Sent: 27 January 2011 22:39
To: 'Will Chapman'
Subject: RE: Last nights presentation

Hi [REDACTED]

Sorry, we could have covered this this morning - truth is that I've not been able to keep up with emails this week so have only just read it. Just a couple of comments -(1) adjective for Council is 'influential' rather than 'powerful' (2) the juxtaposition of the last three paras implies that I made the points in the 2 penultimate ones about need to change regional boundaries. I didn't cover this and it would not be something it would be appropriate for me to say anyway - so just important to make clear who's words you're reporting please.

Otherwise, looks fine.

Sally

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] (nb) [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 January 2011 10:18
To: Sally Ash
Subject: Last nights presentation

Dear Sally,

Thanks very much for taking the trouble of travelling to Lichfield to make the presentation. The preliminary post-meeting verdict was encouragingly positive but, of course, the proof of the pudding will

be whether I can convert that to securing the involvement of Parish Councils. An influential District Councillor said to me 'They found it very interesting - you can always tell because there was no chattering during the presentation'.

I picked up that you mentioned an estimate of boats that had moored in Alrewas and that was 3rd (?) highest in some regard? Statistics like that would be extremely useful for other parishes (by the way, I am already targeting the hotspots shown on the maps Damian sent me).

I have quickly drafted the following report for my website <http://waterwaywatch.org>. I thought I would feature it on the forum of the website with a view to generating some discussion (I have haven't launched the forum yet but this seems a good topic to start with. I would also like to issue it as a general news story on the website. Here it is for your comment/approval:

QUOTE

District and Parish Councillors in Lichfield were given an early insight into the way that British Waterways will become a charitable civic society in April 2012.

The presentation highlighted the key elements of how the new charity will be governed and the way that local authorities will be able to have a direct influence on the future of the waterways that make such an important economic and recreational contribution to so many local communities.

Making the presentation to the Lichfield District Council's Parish Forum, Sally Ash, Head of Boating at BW gave a brief, but informative, outline of the essentials of how the new waterways charity (NWC) would be governed.

A **powerful** Members Council will guide the charity from the top and as 'stakeholders' of the waterways, local authorities will have seats joining others representing the interests of users such as boaters, anglers, walkers, cyclists, wildlife enthusiasts, environmentalists, and businesses and employees who depend on the waterways for their livelihood.

At the moment, British Waterways is divided into 11 Regions and each of these will have a Local Board each of which will have the responsibility of ensuring that the views of local authorities and users are properly represented. These Local Boards will interface directly with NWC Regional management and play an important role in the allocation and planning of local budgets. Each Local Board will have a representative on the national Members Council.

This unique mix of Members Council guiding national strategies and Local Boards influencing local management is seen by many to be an important example of the Coalition's Big Society. One of the unique features of a local canal is that it is likely to be most revered by the local residents that use it. Those local users may not yet realise just how much of an impact it has on their way of life

- the local economy, housing values, jobs, etc. but when the Local Boards start highlighting existing and potential benefits it seems likely that local awareness will dramatically increase.

Clearly, the early support of local authorities is going to be important to NWC and one of the early issues that has to be addressed is how BW's Regional structure will interface with parliamentary and county boundaries. For example, Staffordshire falls into no less than 4 BW regions, and should Staffordshire adopt a specific strategy for the waterways, it would have to be negotiated with 4 different NWC Regions. There is, however, a positive side to this in that any views held by Staffordshire, could be advocated by no less than 4 Local Board representatives sitting on the national Members Council. A better approach for NWC, might be to consider moving some of the regional boundaries so that they include all of any section of a waterway that falls inside a given county.

Sally Ash ended her presentation by describing how some trial areas in the country had been set up to test the Local Board concept; one had been going for some time on the Kennet & Avon and another was to be started on the Lee & Stort. These trials were primarily focusing on devising local mooring strategies and now, with the help of [REDACTED], she was looking forward to seeing several more taking shape in Staffordshire. From the floor, [REDACTED] added that he had made a start on forming local groups in Alrewas, Fazeley, Stone and on the Caldon Canal and would be happy to have an opportunity of discussing these and others with colleagues in any Parish Council.

END QUOTE

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Best regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Save Our Waterways
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