

## Exeter Civic Society: River, Canal and Quayside Group

Meeting held in the White Hart, 7.30 pm Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Notes prepared by John Whitton

Present: John Monks (chair), Azmeena Ladha, Bernard Frowd, Peter Nickol, Georgina Passmore, John Whitton (Absent: Louis Ten-Holter, Jane Evans)

The main points arising out of the meeting were:

- Future meetings would take place in the same venue at 7.30 pm at 1 – 2 month intervals.
- Note-taking at meetings would be on rota basis.
- It was agreed the group should be designated the “River, Canal and Quayside” Sub-Committee (RCQSC).
- The Exeter Civic Society’s terms of reference for Sub-Committees were accepted, but some modifications were proposed specifically concerning the RCQSC as follows:

In 1<sup>st</sup> para (Purpose of the Sub-Committee), add “*and adjoining areas*” after “use of waterways”. A separate sentence after “enhance their character” should read: “Where building development *or other planning issues are concerned*, the committee shall liaise etc”. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> para of “Specific Functions” the words “*liaise with*” should replace the words “attend meetings where appropriate”. In the last para (Specific Functions) the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence should read: “*Establish links with the various bodies involved with the management and use of the river, canal and quayside, monitor proposals and make representations*”. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence “*Exeter Civic Society Executive*” should be inserted before “Committee”. The 6<sup>th</sup> sentence should read after “in this area”: “and consider *whether action is needed*”.

- Contact with other relevant groups and organisations. There was general agreement that it should be established who were concerned. This would include the Exeter Canal and Quay Trust, a charitable body set up under the auspices of Exeter City Council. The various river and canal users associations, the RSPB and the association representing local retailers’ interests were also mentioned. Peter Nickol, Bernard Frowd and John Monks undertook to make relevant enquiries.
- Priority items. **(i)** Environment Agency Flood Prevention proposals. It was important to establish the nature of proposals. In the first phase Trews Weir would be directly affected. John Monks would undertake a digest of the report (cf Environment Agency Exeter flood defences proposal) **(ii)** St. James’s Weir. John Whitton undertook to provide a resumé of the current situation concerning the weir, which is

in very poor condition and currently subject to an EA assessment. **(iii)** Current strategies. It is important for the group to be informed about this, especially in relation to the Environment Agency, Exeter City Council and Devon County Council. Bernard Frowd suggested it might be useful to arrange a meeting with the ECC Planning Department.

- Other activities. The idea of walking the canal and river with an eye to assessing current problems was welcomed. This could be further discussed at a later meeting, the first section to be walked being that around Trews Weir affected by the flood prevention proposals. Peter Nickol also raised questions of access to the river i.e. the poor state of the footpath to Topsham under the M5 Bridge and the lack of access to the river between St.David's Station and Cowley Bridge. This latter part of the river was suggested as another priority to be walked.
- Next meeting. Monday, 17th March, 7.30 pm, White Hart.

John Whitton

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Meeting held in the White Hart, 7.30 pm Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Notes prepared by Keith Lewis:

Present: John Monks (chair), Azmeena Ladha, Bernard Frowd, Peter Nickol, Georgina Passmore, John Whitton, Keith Lewis, Val Davies (Apologies: Jane Evans)

The main points arising out of the meeting were:

- Notes of previous meeting were accepted. There were no matters that are not covered on the agenda.
- The amendments to the terms of reference were accepted by KL as reasonable and these will now be put to Executive committee on 14 April for agreement, and then be placed in the members' area of the ECS website.

- Contact with other groups:

The list of groups circulated was agreed but it appears that the Quay Traders group is not active, although their representative appears to attend Exeter Canal & Quay Trust meetings. Bernard will act as liaison with traders to seek their views. Val advised that there are 2 allotment associations representing users either side of flood relief channel – Val agreed to liaise with them. Agreed the following liaisons for other groups: Exe Estuary Forum and Exe Estuary Partnership –JW & PN; Exeter Canal & Quay Trust – JM; Exe Estuary Users' Association – AL; River & Canal Users Group – JE; RSPB – VD; Devon Wildlife Trust – PN. It was agreed that the message to groups would be we want to hear their views, learn what they are doing, and aim to hold a meeting later in the year.

- Priority Items:

Environment Agency flood prevention works discussed. Phase 1 about to commence – concern about location of temporary soil heap. Discussed extent of dredging in the past and the amount of soil currently in the river, particularly by the Port Royal. Proposals for a barrier across the railway line at Cowley Bridge in the event of flooding were reported. Both issues to be followed up with the EA. Action: JM

Discussed reports from JW on the state of St James' Weir and the implications of collapse. No one seems to own the weir. Riverbanks mainly owned by city council and these will face possible collapse. Agreed to await detailed report from the Environment Agency due shortly.

Current strategies for the future of the river, canal and quay: JM has written to Paul Jeffrey asking for advice of current City Council policy and plans.

Agreed to develop 3 walks to investigate issues along the river and canal. First to be around Trews Weir mainly for this committee's members – JM to organise and to ask Environment Agency if they can attend to discuss weir and flood relief works in the area. Second walk from Cowley Bridge (if walking alongside river possible) or St David's Station, to the Customs House. This walk will be open to ECS members, probably in August. KL to arrange. PN to investigate who owns the land from the end of the current riverside walk to Cowley Bridge and the chances of creating a permissive way to give access to this stretch of the river. Third walk (starting point not agreed) to The Turf Hotel along the canal and return via Topsham and the river. Details to be agreed at a future meeting.

- Port of Exeter Harbour Revision Order: The draft order has been withdrawn by the City council but not clear why. JM to contact Cllr Rosie Denham to ascertain the issues. Discussed City Council responsibilities for the estuary and whether they still extend out to sea beyond Exmouth and Dawlish. Previous discussions have involved City Council and East Devon and Teignbridge district councils. Council may be aiming to establish a Harbour Trust.
- A planning application for the rowing clubs' new building is imminent. RCQ group will liaise with the Planning sub-committee over the ECS response.
- Discussed proposed "artificial deep water solo climbing competition" and climbing wall which will be erected in the Basin for weekend of 30 & 31 August 2014, as reported on the *Express & Echo* website. All surprised that this has been planned without many seeming to know anything about it, even though there may be significant transport implications.
- The group's space on the members' area of the ECS website discussed. News, documents and links to placed here unless too sensitive. Access code to members' area to be circulated by JM.
- Contact list discussed – all agreed to share contact details, BF phone number to be corrected.
- Date of next meeting 28 April 2014, same venue and time.

## Exeter Civic Society: River, Canal and Quayside Group

Meeting held on 28 April 2014 at The White Hart, South Street, Exeter.

Notes prepared by Azmeena Ladha

Present: Val Davies, Jane Evans, Bernard Frowd, Azmeena Ladha, John Monks (chair), Peter Nickol, Georgina Passmore, Louis Ten-Holter.

Apologies: Keith Lewis and John Whitton.

The notes of the previous meeting were accepted. There were no matters arising that were not covered by the agenda.

The main points arising out of the meeting were:

- *Terms of reference* for the group were deferred because the Civic Society Executive Committee meeting that was to have approved them was postponed.
- *Flood prevention*: John M reported he had spoken to a representative of the Environment Agency who confirmed that tenders for Phase 1 of the work were being considered ready for a start in the summer. Details will be posted on the EA website. Jane E explained that the EA's aim to reduce the flood risk to a 1 in 100 chance in any given year was an crucial factor in obtaining insurance
- *St James's Weir*: John W had indicated there were no new developments and the EA's report was still awaited. The meeting agreed to consider making a public statement if nothing is forthcoming by the next meeting.
- *Meeting with Exeter City Council officers for information on current strategy*: The request had been passed to Andy Roberts, Development Manager, to co-ordinate. Jane E suggested contacting Cllr Rosie Denham, and Roger Crane, Exeter City Council supporting officer on the Exe Estuary Management Partnership. She also reported that the city council will consider a new strategy paper covering the river, canal and quay in June. Agreed: to follow this up and request a meeting, and to await the plans before further action. Concern was again expressed about the condition of the canal banks in places and failure to dredge and clean up the river.
- *A Civic Society vision for the river, canal and quay*: A report (appended to these minutes) was circulated and discussed. John M suggested it was important for the group to have a coherent view with its own set of ideas. Architecture; parking; public toilets; attracting more visiting craft; facilities for boat owners and at moorings such as showers and pump-out; and the needs of users, strollers and businesses were among the items mentioned by group members for consideration. It was agreed to start by bringing terms of reference and a methodology for proceeding to the next meeting;

Val D, Jane E and John M to form an initial working party after which work will be divided among the group.

- *Contacts*: Val D had made contact with the RSPB and Peter N with Exeter Wildlife Watch.
- *Walking the river and canal*: Jane E to organise a date and time when John W will be available for the first walk from the Quayside to St. James's Weir, and Keith Lewis to organise the second walk from St. David's Station for 2 August.
- *Access along the river between St David's Station and Cowley Bridge*: Peter N reported a helpful response from Exeter City Council suggesting a path might be supported if issues of landownership could be overcome and a feasible route identified. Flood prevention work by the Environment Agency may open up possibilities but there were no proposals at this stage. He thought Sustrans would support an extension of the cycle route. He had also discovered that Newton St. Cyres parish council had also urged a footpath route to St David's. Agreed: Peter should contact the parish council for details. The group thanked him for his work.
- *Port of Exeter Harbour Revision Order*: The group will continue to try to find out what is happening.
- *Other matters*: Jane E reported that Exe Water Sports Association's planning application for new headquarters would probably be submitted at the end of May.
- *Date of next meeting*: 16 June 2014.

### **Appended report**

#### A vision for the river, canal and quay

The following is a set of brief, draft notes for discussion:

1. It makes sense for us now to begin to form our own vision, or set of ideas, for the future of the river, canal and quayside. They will become a basis on which we can assess proposals for development as they arise, and formulate recommendations when appropriate.
2. I think we should start by considering what the features are that make the river, canal and quay currently enjoyable and attractive to Exonians and visitors. Some initial suggestions for how to do this are set out below.
3. This in turn will form a basis for considering improvements both to the environment and in terms of the facilities available. Put the two together, and they will form this group's contribution to future debate on plans affecting the river, canal and quay.
4. Stage one would be to draw up terms of reference, and agree a method, for the first phase. This consists of as wide a survey as possible of people's views on the river, canal and quay; how they use them; what they enjoy about them; what improvements they would like to see; what they would not like to lose; what they consider to be good development. The "catchment" for this survey would include organizations with an interest in the river, canal or quay; users, from organized sports clubs to

individual joggers and cyclists; businesses; environmental groups; residents; sunshine strollers and families; Exeter Civic Society and, of course, ourselves (I have not written this list in order of importance or as an exclusive list).

5. Survey methods could include questionnaires, using the local media, speaking to our contacts, stopping people and asking them, organizing a meeting, setting down our own thoughts.

6. I am proposing this as our major project this year. The timescale would be to gather and analyze information over the spring and summer with a view to the first draft of the report being ready for consultation by the end of the year. To achieve this, we will need the active participation of all of the group with a small working group to co-ordinate and maintain the work.

John Monks  
28 April 2014

## Exeter Civic Society: River, Canal and Quayside Group

Meeting held on 16 June 2014 at The White Hart, South Street, Exeter.

1 Notes prepared by Jane Evans. Numbers refer to Agenda items.

Present: Keith Lewis (acting

Chair), Val Davies, Jane Evans, Peter Nickol, Georgina Passmore, John Whitton

2 Apologies: John Monks, Azmeena Ladha,

3 The notes of the previous meeting were accepted.

4 Matters arising

a Flood prevention - summer works. The Environment Agency website is difficult to follow. It needs plain language to make it easier to follow. Keith will contact them to suggest this.

It is proposed that the group will have a public page on the Civic Society website. This could include a link to the EA page about the flood relief plans, but we need to wait until we have something to say.

b St James' Weir: the EA commissioned a report on the condition of the weir from Halcrow engineers which is dated May 2013. The report was made available to the Abbeycourt residents. John has been able to obtain a copy. 4 options are suggested:

1. Let nature take its course (i.e. the river could break through within 10 years)
2. A comprehensive repair which could cost around £1 m
3. A provisional repair which would cost around £130,000
4. Demolish the weir.

John reported that the report seems balanced, weighing up the pros of option 1 against the cons: better for the passage of fish, but there would be negative community, heritage, recreational & aesthetic issues to take into account. So far the EA have not taken any position, but John thinks it's safe to say option 4 can be ruled out!

John agreed to ask his contact who received the report in electronic form whether it could be forwarded to the group.

- c Exeter City Council proposals. At the time of the meeting the Council's paper called "Future of the Waterways" which was to be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee Economy for 26 June had not yet been published. [It is now published here:

<http://committees.exeter.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=129&MId=3621&Ver=4>

It was noted that the Tiverton canal has much more commercial traffic than the Exeter canal. For example there are regular rallies of short canal boats known as trail boats which can be unloaded from a road trailer. Jane said that the Exeter canal does not have any slipways which would allow such access. The slipway on Haven Road is not actually a slipway as within a few feet into the water the slipway drops vertically and so cannot be used for unloading from boat trailers. An addition of a proper slipway would increase usage of the canal.

- d RSPB: nothing further to report but we do have a contact.
- e Exeter Wildlife Watch EWW: nothing further to report but we do have a contact.
- f The walk around the quay area on 4 June was postponed as the weather was very unpleasant. The rescheduled date is Monday 7 July. Meet at 5.30pm at St James' Weir at the leat bridge.
- g Access to river St David's station to Cowley Bridge. Peter had contacted Sustrans (Paul Hawkins) who were very helpful. They are very interested in opening up the access as it is a major block to walking and cycling from Crediton and Tiverton. Paul was interested in learning the view of the Civic Society which he could forward to his organisation. Unfortunately matters then stalled as Paul has now left Sustrans. His successor has not yet been appointed.

Information from Sustrans included the information that views are being conveyed to engineers on the back of the flood defence works. DCC engineers are looking at cycle routes and the business case for building certain features now rather than retrofit at a later date.

Zsolt Schuller, DCC Strategic Sustainable Travel Officer is the DCC contact. Peter will make contact with him.

Cowley Bridge is the big expensive obstacle to any improvements. There are no obvious solutions. The main bridge is a listed structure. Improvements are complicated and expensive but achieving a cycling solution is on the agenda.

Peter had also contacted Newton St Cyres Parish Council and spoken to the Parish Clerk. They have no news or comment but they are interested in progress being made. Councillors with a particular interest have been invited to contact us.

- h Port of Exeter Harbour Revision Order. This is meant to be included within the Council's Future of the Waterways document.
- i Exe Water Sports Association's Planning Application. Jane reported that it was submitted to the City Council on 11 June but it has not yet appeared on the Council's website.
- 5 Keith Lewis agreed to be the acting Chairman of the group whilst John is absent. Keith said that the Group has made a lot of progress and it is important to maintain the momentum.
- 6 Groups' Vision for the future of the River, Canal and Quayside: It was felt that John's suggested report was rather ambitious and would take a lot of work to prepare. Who would be the potential audience for the report?

It was decided to research the strategies of the other organisations eg Exeter City Council, ECQT, Sustrans etc, DCC eg for cycle routes. At later stages we could consider a questionnaire, possibly via the Express & Echo to ask the public's views. Local traders might be asked to have stocks of paper questionnaires and collect completed forms. One option for a reduced scale report might be for 10 key improvements that the Group would like to see. It was advised that any conclusions/results from the Vision document would need to be submitted to the main committee of the Civic Society before it could be published.

- 7 AOB. Keith circulated the Terms of Reference which had been agreed by the main committee but with amendment to review in 12 months and that formal representation needs to be viewed before being sent. The TOR were accepted by the Group.
- 8 Date of next meeting Monday 4 August at 7.30pm at the White Hart. Jane would make the booking for the room.

## Exeter Civic Society: River, Canal and Quayside Group

Meeting held on 4 August 2014 at The White Hart, South Street, Exeter.

**Present:** Keith Lewis (acting Chair), Jane Evans, Peter Nickol (minutes), John Whitton

**Apologies:** John Monks, Bernard Frowd, Val Davies

The RCQ Group has settled into a stable group of interested members. It was agreed to email minutes, notifications etc to this group, and to drop from mailings anyone who fails to attend three consecutive meetings without apologies.

**Minutes:** The notes of the previous meeting were accepted.

### Matters arising:

- a **Flood prevention plans:**the Environment Agency have been generally more communicative, and put on a useful open information event on 19 July.
- b **St James' Weir:** Jane's application to have it listed has been turned down, but Jane has compiled a useful file of historic information about the weir, and the County Council's flood alleviation officer has asked for a copy of this.

The EA St Jame's Weir report was discussed. Agreed elected councillors (City and County) might be interested, and John W will try contacting them. A letter to the Express & Echo might also raise interest: John W

- c **St Davids to Cowley Bridge:** Peter reported on contacts with Councillor Clive Smith (Upton Pyne PC), who showed strong interest and knowledge around this issue; and with Zsolt Schuller. There are considerable problems with achieving progress, and a local Sustrans rep remains unappointed following the departure of Paul Hawkins. The flood alleviation works will offer some opportunities along the top of banks but there will be lengths where structures will be required to complete a trail.

### Notes from the walks on 23 July and 2 August:

The 2 August walk was noted as having been successful and well attended. Any particular issues will be discussed at the next meeting. The 23 July walk threw up various matters, including the following points which were discussed at the meeting:

- a **Car park, end of Michael Browning Way:** The carpark was noted as being underused, not having been linked to Water Lane as originally planned. Jane will investigate as to whether the designated coach spaces might be reconfigured to allow car parking and press council for their views.

- b **Public access right round the canal basin:** This was noted as being satisfactory on the west side but obstructed on the east side. Keith will contact the ECQTrust about this.
- c **Belle Isle Park:** This pleasant area beside the river was noted as having more potential and being underused. Peter will check the existing restrictions on types of use.

#### **Survey of visitors and users of the RCQ area:**

The researching of strategies planned at the previous meeting has not yet been undertaken, but it was agreed that a correctly-conducted survey of public opinions may be beyond the capacity of the RCQ Group. We plan to offer a talk and briefing to a full meeting of ECS, at which opinions could be canvassed, and it was suggested that next February would be a suitable time.

#### **AOB**

**Walking the lower part of the river:** Peter will organise something for early autumn, focusing specially on the problem section below the motorway bridge on the Topsham side of the river.

#### **Date of next meeting**

To be set with absent members of the group consulted. Keith will circulate possibilities. As a result of Email responses the 22<sup>nd</sup> September is the preferred date of the next meeting, although 2 are unable to attend.

## **.Exeter Civic Society: River, Canal and Quayside Group**

Meeting held on 22.9.14 at 7.30 pm in the White Hart Hotel, South Street, Exeter

Present: Keith Lewis (Acting Chair), Val Davies, Jane Evans, Bernard Frowd, Louis Ten Holter, John Monks, Peter Nickol, John Whitton.

1. Apologies for absence: Azmeena Ladha. (Georgina Passmore has resigned from the Committee)
2. The notes of the previous meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> August were approved
3. Matters arising
  - Cowley Bridge – St David’s Station Path. Peter Nickol had been in contact with Zsolt Schuller. There is recognition of the value of a pathway which could be constructed on top of the bank to be constructed to the left of the railway upstream of the station as part of the Environment Agency’s extension of flood prevention measures for Exeter. This is an aspiration and the EA would not fund it but the bank would permit a later construction. There are problems, notably Network Rail’s reluctance to have a cycle path close to the tracks, the crossing of the river at the radial gates and continuing difficulties for pedestrians and cyclists to cross Cowley Bridge. Peter would draft a letter to the EA putting forward our views. Keith Lewis suggested that this should be copied to DCC as the responsible authority for local transport planning.
  - Footpath to Topsham. Peter Nickol reported on the footpath approaching Topsham downstream on the left hand side. The DCC warden for the area is Jonathan Rowlands who would like to join us on a walk in the near future. The major problem is the poor condition of the walkway around the M5 Bridge, which is unusable at high tide. To raise the path would not be expensive but there is a question of responsibility for such repairs. John Monks said that he was meeting the owners of the retreat Boatyard to ask their views on the walkway.
  - St James’s Weir. John Whitton reported that he has sent a letter to the Express & Echo drawing attention to the poor state of the weir. The Chair of the Old Abbey Court Resident’s Association had also met with Jay Rowntree from the Environment Agency. As a follow up to last year’s Halcrow report he would only say that for the EA the only options were a full repair, including a new fish-path (the priority for the EA) or no action. An interim repair would not be cost-effective. It had been established that the major riparian owners were ECC. He felt that greater publicity about the poor state of the weir would be helpful and that interested parties should be involved especially those concerned by fishing or tourism. On a more positive note he said that the action of the water was on the surface and that there was no evidence of leaking so far, although Jane Evans disputed this.

- Belle Isle Park. It was felt that this was a much underused city asset. There were several prohibitions currently in place but the one concerning barbecues might be lifted. More benches could also be provided.
- Canal Basin. The question was raised of restrictions on public access to the canal basin which has been justified by boatyard repairs.

## 5 Notes from walks of 23 July and 2 August

The acting chairman had compiled notes on the walks of 23<sup>rd</sup> July (St. James's Weir to the Basin via the canal) and 2<sup>nd</sup> August (Exeter Quay to Exwick Mill) The Committee discussed the issues arising from these notes under the following item. The additional factor of the impact of building some 600 houses on the site of the gasworks was mentioned.

## 6 Action points and requests for information

- Trews Weir. Louis Ten Holter wondered about responsibility for Trew's Weir. Is it the ECC or the EA? Debris, trees etc are being left to clog up the weir. He also wondered why the radial gates had never been used
- Duckes Marsh. The river frontage was to lose trees. Will they be replaced?
- Lower flood relief channel. The pedestrian bridge here is too narrow. The road to the allotments will be replaced by a walkway, but will this be cyclable?
- Bonhay Road. Trees and bushes are to be removed
- Royal Oak Pub. It is difficult to get down to the footpath from the bank.
- Shooting March Stile. What are the plans for an elevated walkway here? Will trees be removed and if so will they be replaced after flood relief work.
- New Bridge St. There is no crossing for mobility scooters at the bottom of this street. The underpass needs repairing.
- Marsh Barton. DCC have plans for a new access road, which will link with the new housing development on the gasworks site. Where will this be? There are also plans for a new railway station.

Jane Evans raised the question of better segregation of bicycles and pedestrians as the opening of a bridge at Powderham would lead to an increase in cycle traffic.

Keith Lewis made the general point that the sub-committee could always raise questions, but any representations would have to be submitted to the Civic Society Committee for approval.

## 7 Investigations and discussions with RCQ users

Bernard Frowde had carried out a survey and passed his notes to Keith who would have a summary prepared.

8 AOB.

Jane Evans mentioned in connection with the canal users' group that Councillor Rosie Denham had informed her that there was to be a wide-ranging ECC consultation asking for suggestions on river and canal use. K. Lewis referred to some coverage in the Express & Echo. Nothing had happened since the 2004 Strategy for the River Area. Jane also mentioned a forthcoming meeting for St Thomas residents concerned by potential flooding. Finally Louis Ten Holter asked what could be done about the population of herring gulls in the quayside area which were probably responsible for the drastic decline in mallards.

9 Date of next meeting. Either November 3 or 4 to be decided later.

*Minutes compiled by John Whitton*

## **Exeter Civic Society; River, Canal & Quayside Group**

Minutes of meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 at the White Hart Hotel, Exeter

Present; Keith Lewis (Acting Chairman), Valerie Davies, John Whitton, Peter Nichol, John Monks, Louis Ten-Holter (Minutes)

1 Apologies for absence; Bernard Frowd, Jane Evans. Azmeenha Ladha has resigned from the Committee

2 The minutes of the previous meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September were approved

3 Matters arising

Cowley Bridge; Peter Nickol has written to the Environment Agency about the desirability of a footpath and cyclepath from Cowley Bridge to St Davids Station

St James Weir; the question of ownership of the Weir is still unresolved. It was thought desirable to involve Ben Bradshaw in what is currently a very unclear situation.

Belle Isle; the need to make more of this asset of the City was again discussed

4 Bernard Frowd's Survey of Quayside Traders; The Acting Chairman reported on the results of this and thanked Bernard for his efforts. Traders seem generally in favour of more activities on and around the Quay. Perhaps Rosie Denham could be involved. The signage in relation to the Quay could be improved.

5 Correspondence; The Chairman reported on a number of letters he had written to various bodies. He was commended by the Committee for the effort he has put in.

6 Any other business; The Chairman stated that the time had come to present the first annual report of the Committee to the Civic Society.

7 Date and time of next meeting; 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.30, White Hart Hotel