



THE CHEYNE WALK TRUST

Minutes of the Cheyne Walk Trust AGM held on

Tuesday 14 November 2023 at Petyt Hall, Chelsea Old Church, 64 Cheyne Walk

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all to the AGM of the Cheyne Walk Trust, (CWT) including members of the Chelsea Society, (TCS), and local councillors and thanked Dr. May Maguire and Kate Braine for providing the reception drinks and canapes for just over 100 guests.

Apologies: The Mayor of RBKC and Leader RBKC Cllr Elizabeth Campbell; Mr J Kozak, CWT Hon. Treas.

DW provided an update on key items:

1. Chelsea Yacht and Boat Company, (CYBC) and Chelsea Reach Houseboat Residents

-DW summarised concerns over the CYBC and Cadogan Pier (CPL) moorings and acknowledged the support from various groups including the Chelsea Society which had addressed the topic at the TCS AGM on the previous night, and the Chelsea Reach Boatowners 'Association (CRBA).

- Chelsea Reach is a vital part of Chelsea's character. The River Thames Conservation Area Management Plan had been delayed while efforts were being made to establish the planning powers of the RBKC.

- Images of the houseboats as they are were shown and compared with a graphic of what the riverside might look like if populated by 17 of the larger CYBC boats understood to be in conversion by CYBC associated companies. More significantly, the boathouse community would be destroyed by forcing long-term residents out by pricing up the cost of the berthing licences and/or serving termination notices to boat-owners.

- Cadogan Pier, was planned as moorings for leisure and working boats only, but now had some permanently moored houseboats without planning consent. All permanently moored vessels should go through the Planning Process – planning control is not being exercised by RBKC as it should.

- A Joint review of senior counsels acting for CWT; TCS; CRBA and RBKC, had been proposed by Cllr Elizabeth Campbell, (EC), Leader of the Council of RBKC. This took place on 18th August 23 and had essentially endorsed that RBKC does have discretion to exercise planning control over moorings and vessels in the River Thames Conservation Area (RTCA). DW thanked Dr. James Thompson, Chairman of the TCS, and particularly Michael Stephen, Vice Chair of TCS, and Andrew Prynne KC of CRBA, for their assistance in the process

-The Council for RBKC, in order to clarify the planning position was also engaging with the Port of London Authority (PLA), which issues the River Works Licence to the mooring operators.

-Cllr Kemahli, lead Councillor for Planning and Transport and attending the AGM was asked to speak by the Chairman; he stated that the RBKC supported the CWT in its efforts regarding the RTCA and



that a written report was to be considered by council officers and elected members. The planned introduction of larger vessels in his opinion would constitute “Material visual harm”.

If the planning position was approved, the committee would proceed with possible enforcement action against offending vessels.

The next steps are to monitor the outcomes of the RBKC planning powers review and of the Planning Committee consideration of potential enforcement action.

2. Battersea Bridge and other topics:

DW described the longstanding concern for pedestrian and cycle safety at the lethally hazardous Battersea Bridge/Cheyne Walk junction. He asked Councillor Cem Kemahli, to comment. Cllr Kemahli summarised the RBKC view and current state of progress including ongoing engagement with TFL:

- The summer 2023 TFL proposals would result in unwelcomed displacement of traffic and restrict local resident movements. The creation of lane narrowing bus lanes for the 170 bus route as part of TFL’s a new Cycle super highway was being resisted as was the banned turn south at Chelsea Bridge.
- Progress was also being made on Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) particularly in relation to excessively noisy vehicles given the evident success of Acoustic CCTV to provide evidence of PSPO offences in the Kensington area.
- The scheme’s funding had been approved and the council was chasing TFL to allow noise activated cameras to be mounted.

DW continued:

- The recently established Tite Street Residents’ Association had serious concerns regarding the possible redevelopment of the former St Wilfrid’s Care Home on Tite Street. The plans would compromise the established garden and Royal Hospital Conservation Area listed gap and valued views of the Royal Hospital as well as the unique setting of the established Tite St Grade II* listed studio houses.
- The Chairman acknowledged the successful plans achieved by the Chelsea Embankment Gardens Steering Group led by Hallie Swanson with active and very helpful support by Sue Medway, Curator of the Chelsea Physic Garden, and Penny Pocock, Chelsea Gardens Guild, on the garden maintenance and intended upgrade to the embankment gardens. He specially thanked Cllr Emma Will for leading very helpful RBKC support and provision, including commissioning landscape garden planners Boon Brown, present at the meeting, to create the landscape design.

3. The CWT annual Accounts

DW presented an overview of the annual accounts and commented that CWT had contributed £3k towards the costs of the legal review of the RBKC planning powers, in conjunction with the Chelsea Society and the Chelsea Reach Boat Owners Association who also had contributed.

CWT Committee Member Roddy Mullin commented that a suggested source of revenue for CWT could be to approach local businesses to advertise in the CWT Newsletter as evidenced by the advertising by Amanda Austin Flowers, the suggestion was welcomed.

There were no objections to the accounts as presented and the accounts were duly approved.



4. Election of the CWT Committee

The re-appointment of the Committee members as per the Agenda, together with 2 newly co-opted members being Bill Toomey and Frederick Mostert, were re-elected en block by a show of hands with all in favour.

5. Questions and Comments

The Chairman invited questions and comments and the following were;

- Councillor Gerard Hargreaves, Cllr for Chelsea Riverside Ward, thanked DW and the CWT for all their efforts and work in looking to protect the interests of residents and the heritage and green spaces of the area. Cllr Hargreaves commented on the nuisance of the hire bicycles particularly when they block pavements or hinder the ability to walk on pavements.
- Sue Leamon commented on the National Express coaches that que in Royal Hospital Road and the impact on the surrounding area including the Physic Garden, Royal Hospital Road, Oakley street and Church Street. Bans are being explored.
- Tony Devenish, Assembly Member GLA, advised that the Mayor should be held to account for the traffic issues and law and order offences- and reminded the meeting that the mayoral elections are to take place on the 2nd of May 2024.

The Rt. Hon. Greg Hands MP, (GH) joined the meeting and provided a number of helpful points:

- House boats- he was ready to assist and support the efforts against the adverse changes.
- Battersea Bridge- he was aware of the TFL proposals, and he expressed his concerns about the impact of the traffic movements on local residents and safety.
- Buses- GH commented on his efforts to save a number of bus routes including the C3, 14 and 74; but he had concerns about the 11 ending at Waterloo rather than the city and the 211 which was the only bus to connect the hospitals.
- M&S redevelopment on King's Road. M&S have confirmed their commitment to stay on the King's Road.
- Heathrow third runway- this has been a key concern for GH. He resigned as a Minister in 2018 over the issue and the prospect of further air quality impacts. He remains committed to opposing both a further runway and noisy early morning flight arrivals from the far East.
- Chelsea is shrinking – the Parliamentary boundary is due to change and may result in 10 thousand voters being included in Hammersmith – GH encouraged members and residents to recognise the importance of voting in forthcoming elections.

AOB Next AGM: November 2024 (TBC). The AGM was then concluded.

DW introduced Paul Davis as Guest Speaker. An eminent Chelsea architect, ex Hon. Librarian of the RIBA and founder and former Chairman of PDP Architects. Paul Davis gave a fascinating illustrated talk on his autobiography, "Mr Chelsea, A life in Rock and Roll and Architecture from the Kings Road to Tokyo". He described his love for residential design and the rich architectural history of both Chelsea and Westminster in which he had been involved in the evolution and completion of numerous very successful projects for both the Cadogan and Grosvenor estates, including Cadogan Hall and the much-praised Duke of York's Square. **BT/DW 12/01/2024**



AGM Agenda

Tuesday 14 November 2023 at Petyt Hall, Chelsea Old Church, 64 Cheyne Walk

6.30 PM

AGM

Opening remarks and report	David Waddell, Chairman
Accounts	John Kozak, Hon. Treas.
Re-election of the Committee	David Waddell

The following submit themselves for re-election:

Chairman: Col. David Waddell

Social Secretary: Dr. May Maguire
Editor Newsletter: Hallie Swanson
Membership Sec.: David Swanson

Hon. Treas. John Kozak
Committee Charles Mayes

Roddy Mullin

George Nicholson

Denis Strauss

Anthea Turner

The following co-opted members submit themselves for election:

Secretary: Bill Toomey
Committee: Frederick Mostert

Conclusion/AOB

7.00 PM Talk Paul Davis Architect & Past Chairman PDP

Will speak on his autobiography "Mr Chelsea"

"A life in Rock & Roll and Architecture from the King's Road to Tokyo"

8.00 -- 9.30 PM Reception