

The Kennet and Avon Canal Trust

**56th Annual General Meeting held on 12th May 2018 at 10.30 at West Lavington Village Hall
Sandfield, West Lavington, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 4HL.**

1. Attendance and apologies	<p>The Chairman, Rob Dean, welcomed all to the meeting, attended by 24 members.</p> <p>Apologies (22): David Bruce, Elaine and John Kirby, Tony Nares, Daisy and Terry Mundy, Yvonne and Derek Wayman, Anita and Chris Churchouse, Carol and Gerry O'Neill, Paul Eames, David Line, Julie Dean, Mike Bailey, Pat Kelly, Jean and John Carter, Richard Snook, Diana Wheatley, Sara Fricker. Proxy Votes (1); Proxy was granted to Merv Kelly by Pat Kelly.</p>
2. Welcome and introductions	<p>Rob Dean (RD) introduced himself as Chairman of the Trustee Council and Mr Bill Fisher as Vice President of the Trust.</p> <p>RD then introduced all those Trustees and Enterprise Directors present at the meeting.</p>
3. Minutes of the last meeting	<p>It was proposed that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p> <p>Proposed – Mike Wyatt Seconded-Bryan Baker Passed – Nem Con.</p>
4. Matters arising	<p>There were no matters arising</p>
5. Report from Trust Council	<p>The full text of the Chairman's report on behalf of the Trustees is at Appendix 1.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that the Trusts growth in 2017 had continued with revenue coming in from good trading, fundraising and legacies. The overall funds increased by 83% to £1.4million. The chairman emphasised that this is in part due to the gift of the four Bruce Boats in October 2017 and is due to the value of the boats and not cash balance. The Chairman noted that the cash balance will decrease this year, with the Crofton project well underway.</p>

<p>6. Ordinary Resolutions</p>	<p>To receive and adopt the Council's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2017. The report and accounts having been previously published on the Trust website, the Chairman briefly summarised the accounts format and the key points of the report. Comments were then invited regarding the financial report. No comments/questions were raised and so it was proposed that the meeting receive and adopt the council reports and accounts for the year ending 31st December 2017.</p> <p>Proposed : Trevor Staig Seconded : Bryan Baker Universally Accepted. RD invited all present to read his report again and contact him with any questions.</p> <p>To elect Members to be Trustees: All individuals were nominated in accordance with the Trust's Articles of Association; election was conducted as a group with the consent of members present.</p> <p>David Bailey, David Fearn and Peter Turvey retired in accordance with Articles 32 and 33 of the Trust's Articles of Association. They, being eligible, offered themselves for re-election.</p> <p>David Bailey Proposed: John Swift Seconded: Andrew Bailey</p> <p>David Fearn Proposed: Rosemary Ainsworth Seconded: John Webb</p> <p>Peter Turvey Proposed: Mike Rodd Seconded: Pam Weeks</p>

	<p>All individuals having been duly nominated in accordance with the Trust's Articles of Association, election was conducted as a group with the consent of members present.</p> <p>Proposed: Mike Rodd Seconded: Graham Snook Agreed: Nem Con</p>
<p>7. Presentation of John Gould Award</p>	<p>In 1997, British Waterways donated a trophy, to be called the "John Gould Award" to be presented annually to a person or group who has "undertaken noteworthy actions or deeds for the Kennet & Avon Canal in the past year". The award is made by the Chairman of the K&A Partnership, acting on advice from the Trustees of the K&A Canal Trust.</p> <p><i>The recipient for 2017 is Alan Smith, from Devizes branch, for his continuing and dedicated work on maintaining and improving our Devizes HQ. Alan has been involved with the Trust for more than 30 years and brings his passion for 'fixing things' to bear on both the Kenavon Venture and our headquarters at Devizes. Alan's career as a Flight Engineer for British Airways seems to have equipped him with an ability to identify solutions and a commitment to high quality work. Keeping our building running safely and efficiently is certainly challenging and Alan's willingness to turn his hand to anything saves us many thousands of pounds each year.</i></p> <p>Bill Fisher, Vice President, was then pleased to present the award to Alan Smith.</p> <p>Alan accepted the award and gave a short speech, saying that although this award says he's done a lot, every volunteer does a lot for the Trust. He can do more than many but all Trust volunteers do all they can and he is thankful to each one.</p>
<p>8. Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman reminded everyone that despite incredible progress with the Crofton project, the work is not yet complete and we must stay focused on this. • The Chairman announced that he intends to step down at the end of the year after 7 years. Trust treasurer Tony Nares will also be stepping down after 6 years. The Chairman urged members to join in with the task of finding new talent to help lead this amazing charity.

9. Presentations	Short presentations were delivered on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bruce Branch by Rob Dean, in the absence of Paul Eames, Bruce Branch Chairman.• Crofton Project by Branch Chairman, Peter Turvey.
10. Closing Address	Vice President, Bill Fisher, closed the meeting with a short address. He thanked all involved for another busy and varied year and the efforts of the staff, members and volunteers, especially the Chairman. He spoke briefly about how Canal and River Trust are re-structuring and re-organising and how this means we must make efforts to maintain a close working relationship in order to maximise our influence and ability to fulfil our charitable aims.

