

PRESENT:

Marion Blockley – Chair
Anna Brennan – Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust
Russell Rowley – Severn Gorge Countryside Trust
Peter Boland – Historic England
Tom Jones – English Heritage
Matthew Vella – Telford & Wrekin Council
Gareth Pegg – Telford & Wrekin Council
Rae Evans – Telford & Wrekin Council
Cllr Heather Oldershaw – Gorge Parish Council
Phoebe Farrell – Telford & Wrekin Council
Cllr Chris Turley – Telford & Wrekin Council
Cllr Nicola Lowery – Telford & Wrekin Council
Andy Gittins – Telford & Wrekin Council
Simon Harris – Shropshire Council
Alan Taylor – Broseley Town Council
Karen Price – Environment Agency
Barbara Taylor – Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust

APOLOGIES: **Tim Slator** – English Heritage, **Penny McKnight** – Telford & Wrekin Council, **Mandy Thorn** – Marches LEP, **Joy Tetsil & Andy Wigley** – Shropshire Council, **Alex Nicoll** – Ironbridge Consortium

Intro: Marion Blockley welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair introduced guest speakers, Stuart Ashton, Head of Planning and Claire Biddle, Planning Manager (Midlands), from the Harworth Group. A round-table introduction was conducted for the benefit of the guests.

Iron Bridge Power Station Site

Stuart Ashton and Claire Biddle gave a presentation on the background of the Harworth Group and explained the initial plans for the Power Station site.

The Harworth Group have conducted several specialist meetings with Ironbridge area stakeholders and held a public meeting at the site on 10 October. Stakeholders and the public have been given the opportunity to send feedback with suggestions by 9 November. Feedback will be analysed by Harworth and made public, hopefully by February 2019, when further stakeholder and public consultation will be arranged.

Demolition work continues on the site. Major demolition work, including the removal of the Colling Towers and the Turbine Hall has gone out to tender. No dates have been given for the commencement of this work.

Harworth have made a commitment to keep the rail link to the site and showed plans to develop the terminus at the public consultation meeting on 10 October.

Development Site - AGA

Shropshire Homes will be invited to a future meeting of the IGWHSSG when site plans have been developed.

Lighting Scheme for the Iron Bridge

The design of the lighting columns will be further examined following concerns raised by English Heritage.

The Chair reported that the scaffolding on the Iron Bridge is slowly being removed. The laying of the decking, which was delayed due to pipe work by Severn Trent Water, is scheduled to be completed by the beginning of November. Project completion date is now early December 2018. Plans for a type of opening ceremony are being discussed.

AOB

Debra Harris, new manager at Maws Craft Centre, will be invited to the next Steering Group meeting.

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