

PRESENT:

Les Sparks OBE – Chair

Anna Brennand – Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust (IGMT)

Katie Foster – Shropshire & Telford Tourism Strategy Board (STTSB)

Michael Barker – Telford & Wrekin Council (TWC)

Cllr Chris Turley – Telford & Wrekin Council (TWC)

Russell Rowley, Severn Gorge Countryside Trust (SGCT)

Cllr. Alan Mackenzie – Madeley Town Council (MTC)

Chris Hogarth – Natural England (NE)

Karen Price – Environment Agency (EA)

Rev'd. Keith Osmund-Smith - The Gorge Parish Council (GPC)

Neal Rushton – Structures & Geotechnics Team Leader Telford & Wrekin Council (TWC)

Prof. Paul Kapp

Cllr Jean Jones – Shropshire Council (SC)

Cllr Graham Hollox – Broseley Town Council (BTC)

Sue Cole - English Heritage (EH)

Peter Boland – English Heritage (EH)

Barbara Taylor – Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust (IGMT)

APOLOGIES: **Sir Neil Cossons, Katherine Kynaston** – Telford & Wrekin Council, **Rachel Taylor** – Telford & Wrekin Council, **Mandy Thorn** – LEP Board Member, **Cllr. David Davies** – Gorge Parish Council, **Morgan Cowles** – English Heritage, **Michael Vout** – Telford & Wrekin Council

Intro: Les Sparks welcomed everyone to the meeting and included a welcome to those who had not attended before, Professor Paul Kapp, Fulbright Scholar from the University of Illinois, and Karen Price from the Environment Agency who is replacing Ian Edwards who has retired. Apologies were as above.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes from the last meeting on 27 January 2014 were approved by all present.

Stabilisation Update

McPhillips (Wellington) Ltd have been appointed as main works contractor. McPhillips already have the enabling contract and this further appointment will ensure a seamless transition giving a continuity of work. Further public drop-in sessions are planned for the near future.

LLOYDS COPPICE

Cracking in Lloyds Coppice Road continues to be monitored.

World Heritage Site Management Plan (WHSMP)

Two Management Plan Working Group Meetings have now taken place and a skeleton plan has been formulated. Professor Paul Kapp, Fulbright Scholar from the University of Illinois, USA, has given valuable research support to the Working Group.

Iron Bridge HLF/ERDF Bid

In order to maximise the potential success of the bid, a meeting with Telford & Wrekin Council is to take place to discuss the scheme in more detail which has altered significantly since the original meetings. Also, an additional proposal to include the Coracle-Hut Project has been highlighted.

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