

PRESENT:

Les Sparks OBE – Chair

Anna Brennand – Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust (IGMT)

Sir Neil Cossons

Rachel Taylor – Telford & Wrekin Council (TWC)

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

Cllr Chris Turley – Telford & Wrekin Council (TWC)

Russell Rowley, Severn Gorge Countryside Trust (SGCT)

Cllr. Alan Mackenzie – Madeley Town Council (MTC)

Ian Edwards – Environment Agency (EA)

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

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

Barbara Taylor – Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust (IGMT)

Cllr David Davies – Gorge Parish Council (GPC)

Cllr Jean Jones – Shropshire Council (SC)

Cllr Graham Hollox – Broseley Town Council (BTC)

William du Croz - English Heritage (EH)

Paul Rees - English Heritage (EH)

Peter Boland - English Heritage (EH)

APOLOGIES: **Heather Sebire** – English Heritage, **Sue Cole** – English Heritage, **Katherine Kynaston** – Telford & Wrekin Council, **Michael Barker** – Telford & Wrekin Council

Intro: Les Sparks welcomed everyone to the meeting and included a welcome to Alison MacDonald and Morgan Cowles from English Heritage and James Miller from Ramboll. Apologies were as above.

Minutes of the last meeting: The new set of minutes from the last meeting on 14 October were distributed and 2 amendments were noted. The new minutes were approved by all present.

Stabilisation update:

Telford & Wrekin Council have now secured funding from the Department of Communities & Local Government (DCLG) for the Stabilisation Project. McPhillips (Wellington) Ltd have been appointed to carry out enabling work for the project. The pile designs have been altered and the planning process for these changes will be completed shortly. Free condition surveys have been offered to all property owners to establish a bench mark condition of properties should the works cause any damage to property during the works schedule.

World Heritage Site Management Plan

The World Heritage Site Management Plan working Group has been set up. The writing of the World Heritage Site Management Plan means the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)/European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Bid for Ironbridge can be linked into it. Also, the University of Birmingham has a Fulbright Scholar from the University of Illinois over for a 6 month research placement at Ironbridge as part of his scholarship. Professor Paul Kapp specialises in cultural heritage in post industrial landscapes and will support the writing of the plan and his Fulbright research will be used on this.

Iron Bridge HLF Bid:

A wider scheme to include the Square and Wharfage in the Iron Bridge Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Bid will be worked on over the next five months to enable the Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site Steering Group and Telford & Wrekin Council to be in a strong position to also bid for Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) monies which may be available when the call for ERDF funding comes in March 2015.

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