

PRESENT:

Les Sparks OBE – Chair

Anna Brennand – Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust (IGMT)

Sir Neil Cossons

Russell Rowley, Severn Gorge Countryside Trust (SGCT)

Mike Vout – Telford & Wrekin Council (TWC)

Cllr Chris Turley – Telford & Wrekin Council (TWC)

Cllr Nicola Lowery – Telford & Wrekin Council (TWC)

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

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

Cllr Ian Pickles – Broseley Town Council (BTC)

Cllr Jean Jones – Shropshire Council (SC)

Andy Wigley – Shropshire Council (SC)

Peter Boland – Historic England (HE)

Timothy Slator – English Heritage (EH)

Morgan Cowles – English Heritage (EH)

Barbara Taylor – Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust (IGMT)

APOLOGIES: **Alex Page** – English Heritage, **Michael Barker** – Telford & Wrekin Council, **Mandy Thorn**, Marches Care

Intro: Les Sparks opened the meeting and welcomed Cllr Nicola Lowery, Telford & Wrekin Council

Stabilisation Update

JACKFIELD PROJECT.

Neal Rushton (TWC) reported that the project was on target and within budget. The main piling phases are now complete. The Ferry Road project is complete and landscaping is taking place. The landscaping of the rest of the project, the road bed and utilities installation will commence in the next few months. The open day on 9 June was well attended.

World Heritage Site Management Plan (WHSMP)

Steering Group members will discuss the content at the October meeting. Public consultation will start with the Gorge Parish Council (GPC).

Iron Bridge Works

Recommendations for a list of repairs will be presented to the Steering Group at the October meeting. Repair recommendations for the cracked radials, a monitoring and inspection programme and a guide for load bearing have already been completed.

Iron Bridge HLF/ERDF bid

Michael Vout reported that Telford & Wrekin Council (TWC) are in the process of revising the Public Realm project for the Iron Bridge and environs and are planning to amalgamate that project with a Highways project for Ironbridge. The HLF bid will be revisited in conjunction with the Historic England (HE) repairs to the Iron Bridge. Heidie Coombs, Telford & Wrekin Council Lighting Consultant, is researching new ways in which the Iron Bridge can be illuminated using latest lighting technology and to best illustrate the structure.

Ironbridge Power Station Update

Michael Barker (T&WC) is still in discussion with EON over future plans for the Ironbridge Power Station site. The preservation of the rail route into the Power Station is a policy item included in the Local Plan.

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