

MINUTES OF THE IRONBRIDGE GORGE WORLD HERITAGE SITE STEERING GROUP MEETING

HELD AT IGMT Coalbrookdale on 30 July 2018

PRESENT:

Marion Blockley – Chair
Anna Brennand – Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust
Sir Neil Cossons
Val Hulme – Telford & Wrekin Council
Cllr Nicola Lowery – Telford & Wrekin Council
Cllr Chris Turley – Telford & Wrekin Council
Andy Wigley – Shropshire Council
Russell Rowley – Severn Gorge Countryside Trust
Cllr Heather Oldershaw – Gorge Parish Council
Phoebe Farrell – Telford & Wrekin Council
Penny McKnight – Telford & Wrekin Council
Andy Gittins – Telford & Wrekin Council
Tim Slator – English Heritage
Liz Peck – LPA Lighting
Barbara Taylor – Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust

APOLOGIES: **Charlotte Cain** – Telford & Wrekin Council, **Mandy Thorn** – Marches LEP, **Joy Tetsil** – Shropshire Council, **Alex Nicoll** – Ironbridge Consortium, **Karen Price** – Environment Agency

Intro: New Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Steering Group Chair, Marion Blockley, introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. A round table introduction was conducted for the benefit of the new Chair.

Iron Bridge Conservation Project

The project has been running smoothly, however the planned water pipe replacement by Severn Trent Water has been delayed due to the hot weather and their commitments elsewhere.

The walkway has proved very successful and will stay open until September.

Power Station

The Power Station Site was acquired by the Harworth Group on 19 June 2018. The Chair of the Harworth Group will be invited to the next Steering Group meeting.

AGA

No further enquiries have been received regarding the sale of the site.

Lighting Scheme for the Iron Bridge

Telford and Wrekin Council have recently submitted a pre planning application for the lighting columns which have been reduced in height from the original illustrations shown to the Steering Group at the meeting on 23 April. A full planning application is anticipated to be submitted in August and this will require a heritage impact statement and also the impact this scheme may have on the OUV explaining how the public benefit derived from it justifies the lighting scheme.

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