

# Telford Canoe Club

## Committee Meeting Minutes

04/03/2024

Present: Simon Wiles, Iain Campbell, David Allen, Neil Winwood, Bek Farley-Brown  
Simon Wyndham (freestyle) , James Roden (Oz)  
Apologies - Mark Hill

Next meeting: Mon 4th Mar 6pm, Six Bells Madely

### 1. Announcements

Nothing to announce

### 2. Discussion

#### Calendar of events for 2024

Rough Calendar of events listed below: We will need to define lead organisers for each:

**Ongoing:** Arthog Pool Sessions Thursday nights through 28<sup>th</sup> Apr : signup via website

Plan for 1 or 2 Sat / Sun per month as a SUP event.

Plan for consistent weekend river trips via various leaders

#### Completed

**Jan:** Advanced White water leader training 5-7 Jan – Simon & Ian completed

Lowri freestyle pool session end Jan – Was very well attended. Great photos from Simon Wyndham

#### Future:

Feb:

Mar: 17<sup>th</sup> SUP paddle Jackfield -> Hampton Loade

21<sup>st</sup> – Pool Session with Lowri #2

**Apr:** Tuesday evening sessions at Jackfield start after Easter 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr.

**May:** BH 4/5/6 - weekend Social / work weekend at Jackfield #1

27<sup>th</sup> onwards – Slovenia – circa 10 people expressed interest already. Camping at the confluence.

Ian, Simon Wyndham, and Paul E to lead.

**Jun:** 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> June Freestyle Hub event Weekend – Nick Morell to organise

need to advertise with GB freestyle

**Jul:** 19/20/21 – Slalom & Riverfest – Oz

To include SUP slalom, Boatercross, -

Investigate inflatable poles, large balls etc.

No to Inflatable race.... ☹

**Aug:** 10/11 - SUP fest – Wayne

28<sup>th</sup> Ironbridge Coracle regatta

**Sept:** 7/8 – Wet Fest Peer Paddle

7/8 – Euro Club champs at HPP

**Oct:** Social weekend at Jackfield #2

**Nov:** AGM (incl. Social) – Potluck, presentations of trips (video / Photos), Talks. – Date TBD

**Dec:** Boxing Day paddle

**Other events to be scheduled:**

Club trips to Dart, Lakes, North / Mid Wales

One of the social weekends could be a longer paddle, with Camping on the Saturday at Jackfield.

E.g. Shrewsbury to Hampton Loade. (open / touring boats?)

Trips to artificial spots (ideal for summer low levels) – HPP, Cardiff, Lee Valley, Tryweryn.

Surf trip / weekend

Simpsons Pool was discussed, however was felt access and parking was not idea, but might be ok for SUP's.

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**AOB:**

**Trustees:** Documents signed

**Memorial Bench:** Proposer has been dissuaded.

**Access to site:** Various requests received from clubs and individuals – Easy policy to be added to website to outline guidelines - **Action Ian.** Emergency services / Training access has been provided multiple times, and we should publicise this.

**Ironbridge events:** Look to tie into any local events being run in Ironbridge.

**Kit purchases & boat repairs:** Need best source for 10 off Paddles, BA, Helmets and Spraydecks.

Also need to start looking at repairing the boats. (dagger grab handles, back bands, airbags)

Look into Scouting discount. Feedback was not easy to arrange.

Also approach 'local' shops for potential for Club discount for members, and Club kit purchases.

Identify suitable shops and approach. Also look into Paddleboards (3 or 4) – **Ian has some quotes**

**Public Facebook page set up:** [Telford Kayak/Canoe Freestyle Hub | Facebook](#)

**Logo:** Sent to Bek

**Merchandise:** Bek has developed logo and has designs ready. Get a sample printed onto 1 hoody. Develop a slalom one also.

**Stickers / Waterbottles,** Stickers to be bought for club stock – **Ian has contacts**

**Bank access:** Bek needs to be added. Transfer of old bank account to be completed. (Adrian / John)

**Adding Payments to Events via website** – Addins needed. Ian to review.

**Training courses:** Individuals to pay, and then be re-imbursed to an agreed level

- 16hr First Aid (Shaun Baker?) - Up to 12 people – March?
- WWSR – 8 people – March
- AWWSR Ian, both Simon W's need (4 total)
- Get form for expressions of interest onto Website – **Ian**
- **Simon** to contact providers for WWSR & AWWSR

**Safeguarding** – Simon Wiles Volunteered, with support from John / Nick Morell. Will need DBS checks for working with juniors.

Large first aid kit / Fire Extinguisher needed for container.

**Risk assessments** – Iain has some templates / actual ones

**Incident reporting** – Need a way of reporting incidents on site via the website – Iain

**Financials:** circa £3k in current account.

Circa £25K in old account. Need to get Adrian / Jon to bank to transfer old account to new account.

**Grants:** Georgina Williams Trust, Canoe foundation grants, BC funding. – need to look at each of these, and any others, and determine criteria, cut off dates etc.

**Boat clear out:** Hold off until warmer, Do at early May Weekend.

Keep White Water racers. Iain has the photos of the surplus boats however more likely to do a tip run.. Also contact council / shops for recycling opportunities.

**40ft Container:** Potential to convert a portion into changing rooms. Install racking for additional boats at one end. Neil to draw up some sketches of canopy idea.

Road to lower parking – does this need looking at to get an estimate for filling?

Look to re-clad toilets / changing rooms. – At May weekend – need a Project manager – Wayne

Look to roof the Long container – Project manager – Mark ?

**Google Drive:** [Link here for storing documents](#)

**Taster sessions** : look to offer to scouts?

First taster session would be free, but after that, rental of equipment / guest fees would be needed (both to be bundled together)

**Next Committee meetings:**

Mon 8th Apr 6pm, Six Bells Madely

Then every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month