

THE CANOE ASSOCIATION of NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on Mon 7th November 2005 at Cooke Rugby Club, Belfast at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Davy Maxwell Paul Harrington Matt Peach Mary Doyle Davy Boyle

Clare Wright(CAAN)

APOLOGIES

Stephen Craig Malcolm Kerry Mike McClure

MAGHERAMORNE QUARRY

Clare Wright from Countryside Access and Activities Network made a presentation on the development of Magheramore quarry near Larne. The quarry has 2 lakes which are open for development. Lafarge Cement wish to develop the site for sporting activities including mountain biking and diving. Discussion took place on possible uses for canoeing and possibly constructing a whitewater course. Clare wanted to know if she should include canoeing in the feasibility study and council felt it was worth discussing. A whitewater course so near the ferry port could prove economically viable.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

Matt Peach reported that Fermanagh District Council wish to know how best to include canoeing in their Tourism and Recreation Strategy. Council suggested an outdoor canoe polo site. A sprint/marathon course is also a possibility.

Ferguson McIlveen are carrying out a river study for Strabane Council. They want to know how best the waterways can be used for waterbased activities. The area under consideration is between the Fir Trees Hotel on the Strabane-Omagh road and the mouth of the old canal at Strabane.

Plans are still being drawn up to renovate the bothy on Salt Island in Strangford Lough.

MINUTES - MATTERS ARISING

There was a good turn out at the Planning Day in Randalstown. Our new SCNI liaison officer, Norma Bowman, was present. The Bann Challenge is proceeding with a feasibility study.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

The form will have to be changed so as to record gender, age and disability. Paul asked whether clubs make any effort to facilitate disabled people and whether CANI should have a Disability Officer.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mary will attend the Disability Awareness Training on Wed 16 Nov. She will also meet Jeremy Harries from VAGA on Mon 14 Nov to discuss our Equity Policy.

Davy Boyle is now on the board of the Lough Neagh Partnership.

We have had a request from UK Sport for our anti-doping policy. Paul will contact them.

Congratulations to our Surf Squad on their performance in the World Championships in Costa Rica. They narrowly missed getting into the final four. However Jonny Bingham won the men's open.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th December 2005 at 7.30pm in Cooke Rugby Club, Shaws Bridge, Belfast.

Dates of future meetings

Mon 9th Jan 06

ACTION POINTS

Paul to contact UK Sport re anti-doping policy.