

RIVER DEBEN ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Minutes of Committee meeting on 3rd March, 2020 at 6.00 pm at 1 Lime Kiln Quay

1. Present and Apologies

Present: Sarah Zins (Chair), Jane Alexander, Peter Clay, Jim Goldsworthy, Michael Holland, Matt Lis, Moray McPhail, Robert Simper, Richard Verrill, Robin Whittle,
Apologies were received from Jane Haviland, Sam Jennings and Kate Laydon.
In attendance: Joeske van Walsum (JVW)

2. Declarations of Interest

Matt Lis declared that JVW is a client of the Woodbridge Boatyard.

3. New Chair and Committee members

SZ thanked the members for agreeing to attend the meeting at short notice to discuss the nominations for the Chair and committee at the AGM. She noted that Moray McPhail had been offered a place on the committee following his attendance at the committee meeting on 13 January, 2020, but that Mark Sergeantson had decided that the timing was not right for him to join the committee, although he had kindly offered to assist with planning matters.

SZ reminded the members that her three- year term as Chair would be completed at the forthcoming AGM. She had recently met Joseke Van Walsum who had expressed an interest in taking over the role of Chair. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce Joeske and the committee to each other. It was noted that it would be necessary for any new Chair to be appointed at the AGM scheduled for 30th April, and there was a need for an urgent decision to be made by the committee so that the AGM notice could be mailed with the Spring edition of The Deben magazine to give the requisite month's notice of the AGM.

Introductions were made and JVW gave a brief summary of his background and interest in taking over as Chair. The committee talked about various matters with JVW and asked a number of questions.

After JVW left the meeting, the committee discussed his application to be nominated as Chair. SZ agreed that she would stay on for a year as Vice-Chair to ensure a smooth handover. It was unanimously agreed that JVW should be nominated to stand for the role of Chair at the 2020 AGM and that SZ would be nominated to stand for the currently-vacant position of Vice-Chair.

4. Other Business

As this was a special meeting to deal with urgent business ahead of the AGM, it was agreed that other business would be dealt with at the next scheduled committee meeting.