



THE MODEL STEAMER CLUB

SAILING EVERY SATURDAY AT ROUKEN GLEN POND

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Progress

Report on Club Accommodation

Since the Club came to Rouken Glen it has been dependant on the good will of not only the previous Councils but the various tenants of the building. As the veteran membership will remember, we have been moved and squeezed several times, each time losing part of our space. With hindsight, the Club should have tried to formalise our status, but back then we relied on the word of the officials. We have recently been told frequently that “ times have changed”

While the Boater’s owners’ have made provision for our storage in their new premises, the Committee consider that we should now fully explore having our own club-room/storage accommodation, independent of the Boater’s, and formally agreed with the Council.

The Committee have held three meetings with the Council officials to discuss our requirements and the security and visual limitations that the Council have to consider to allow us to have any accommodation in the Park.

The Committee are very pleased to advise you all that Council have now written to us agreeing in principle to our having an independent structure of our own. To meet the concerns over the visual impact that a new structure will have at this major entry point to the Park, it has to be sited in the recess, but sufficiently far enough from the building to prevent it aiding access to the roof of the toilets. The Parks Dept are also offering to remove all the shrubbery in the area, to form a gateway and path to our accommodation and replant around it.

With no Club accommodation facing the Pond, we will need to use the Gazebos at the launching slip and in the corner to give us our base station.

The Club is also approaching the “Friends of Rouken Glen” to get better launching facilities incorporated in the Grant funded Pond improvements.

We will now have to explore the costs and types of building available, and also what grants may be available for us. While second-hand containers and portacabins are available, they are not necessarily of a suitable proportions for the space allocated, and visually are less acceptable to the planning officials. We will also be looking for alternatives, and any members who have experience of procurement and funding of these types are requested to contact the committee.

The attached plan shows the location and probable foot-print of the Club accommodation, and we will submit it to the council to open discussion on ground rental, although this will require to be token sum and not a commercial charge.

This will be a major step for the Club in financial terms and responsibilities, and after the Committee have been able to establish the costs and liabilities etc., it will call an EGM to allow all members to discuss fully the issues and agree on our future actions.

