

**Notice is hereby given that the Seventeenth
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of The Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust
will be held at Wappenshall Wharf, Wappenshall, Telford, TF6 6DE
at 12.15 on Saturday 2nd June 2018.**

The business of the meeting will be:

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd June 2017.
3. To receive and consider the Report of the Trustees & Financial Statement for the year ended 30th September 2017.
4. To receive the Report of the Chairman.
5. To elect/re-elect Directors/Trustees.
6. To pass the following resolution as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION:
"It is resolved by way of special resolution THAT the proposed new Articles of Association identified as such by certificate thereon endorsed by the Company Secretary dated 15th March 2018 be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of The Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust in substitution for and to the entire exclusion of all existing Articles of Association."



Stephen Bean (*Company Secretary*)

Notes to above agenda items:

1. *Apologies can be sent to the Company Secretary by email or in writing to the addresses detailed below.*
2. *Copies of the minutes can be obtained as detailed below. Limited printed copies will also be available at the meeting.*
3. *The Report of the Trustees & Financial Statement for the year ended 30th September 2017 can be obtained as detailed below. Limited printed copies will also be available at the meeting.*

5. **Nomination forms** are available as detailed below. They are required to be completed and returned, directly to the Company Secretary in a sealed envelope, marked 'Trustee Nomination', by **Friday 18th May 2018**.

Details of those offering themselves for election / re-election will be published on the Trust's website and will be available by request to the Company Secretary, by at the latest Friday 25th May 2018.

6. *The proposed new Articles of Association referred to in the proposed special resolution can be obtained as detailed below. Limited printed copies will also be available at the meeting.*

The current Articles of Association were adopted in 2000 (with minor subsequent amendments) and there have been many significant changes in both company law and charity law since then (now consolidated in the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 respectively).

In addition, with changes in methods of communication, increased membership, and provisions that have become difficult to fully comply with the current Articles are considered no longer truly fit for purpose and need substantial updating and future-proofing. This is most easily done by replacement with a modern form of Articles.

Any change to a company's Articles of Association has to be approved by the membership by a 'special resolution' which requires a vote in favour by at least a 75% majority of the members voting.

Proxy voting forms are available from the addresses detailed below

The documents and information referred to above will be available:

- on the SNCT website (<http://cms.snct.co.uk/snct-agm-2018>) for downloading
- by email request to the Company Secretary (sbean@sncanal.org.uk) for electronic versions
- by written request to the Trust's Registered Office (4 Arscott, Pontesbury, Shrewsbury, SY5 0XP) for the mailing out of printed copies.