

## Ambleside Civic Trust

### ***Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19th September 2017 at the Kelsick Centre, Ambleside***

Present: Steve Dickinson (SD-Chair), Mike Green (MG-Treasurer), Luke Steer (LS), Tim Brown (TB), Mary Gabbat (guest).

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Received from Rose Lord and Jane Beenstock.

#### **2. Minutes of the Meeting of 15 August 2017**

It was not possible to adjudicate on these minutes, as no members who had been at the meeting were present. Action: on the agenda for October meeting.

#### **3. Matters arising from the 15 August meeting not on the agenda for 19 Sept.**

There were no matters arising.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

MG reported that the Barclays account held £843.00, and the Skipton BS account £3019.00. He also reported on the accounts for 2016-17. There had been a slight fall in membership, (equivalent to 8 single members), but an increase in Heritage Trail leaflet income in comparison to 2015-16.

#### **5. Planning applications**

7/2017/5390 The Courtyard, Rothay Road. Conversion of upper floor workshop to an apartment.  
7/2017/5570 Unit 1 class retail showroom - extension.

These two applications were discussed. No objections were raised. *(Note: 7/2017/5570 has subsequently been withdrawn).*

7/2017/5352 Lendor (North Road). Planning consent conditions re. the windows were to be checked.

A query was raised about a student accommodation planning proposal for The Slack dating back to 2016.

#### **6. Environmental survey**

Report deferred to the October meeting.

#### **7. Annual General Meeting**

The date of this was decided as Friday 10 November, 7 for 7.30pm start. The speaker was agreed as Andy Lowe (ex-LDNPA Buildings Officer). **Action: SD to arrange.**

#### **8. Autumn Newsletter**

SD reported that the cost of 2000 full colour A3 folded to A4 printed on two-sides newsletters would be £260.00. The help of the membership would be requested in regard to distribution. The committee approved this. **Action: SD.**

## 9. Plaques

It was decided that the 8 candidates would be slimmed down to a short-list of 4 at the October committee meeting. The 4 contenders would then go to a public vote at the AGM.

## 10. Stockghyll Park project

TB reported that the Parish Clerk had received no response from South Lakeland District Council in regard to his attempt to raise the matter of the Park's ownership and transfer of the same to the PC. SD stated that the ACT report on the Park would be ready by the October committee meeting  
**Action:SD**

## 11. Any other business

### ***Himalayan Balsam***

The potential for an ACT - landowners' coordinating strategy in 2018, in respect of attempting to reduce the infestation of HB in Ambleside, was raised. It was considered possible that the University could act by example, by being forwarned in respect of HB on their land, following their positive responses in 2017 (MG to raise with UoC Liaison Committee). SD to write to Sainsbury's in regard to HB on their property next to Hayes. **Action: MG + SD.**

### ***Festival of the Fells - ACT Guided Walks***

SD to lead the ACT walks as part of the forthcoming second Festival of the Fells. **Action: SD.**

### ***North Road + Rydal Road car park bridge***

The public notice (in the Westmorland Gazette) of a road closure on North Road was raised, also the state of the Rydal Road Car Park bridge parapets. **Action: SD to write to Cumbria CC Highways.**

### ***University of Cumbria***

It was suggested that the University be approached in regard to their becoming corporate members of ACT. It was acknowledged that they were owners of some of the prime historic properties in Ambleside, but that the benefits to them of membership were not clear. **Action: MG.**

## 12. Next meeting

Mackereth Suite, Kelsick Centre, Tuesday 17th October, 7.45pm.