

## AMBLESIDE CIVIC TRUST

### Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Ambleside Library

#### Present:

Tim Brown (Vice Chairman); Maureen Watson; Jonathan Moffett; Sue Osman (minuting secretary)

In attendance: Paul Cookson; Jane Beenstock; Luke Steer; Jennifer Moffett; Rose Lord; Andy Carling; Mike Green; Steve Dickinson

1. TB thanked all for attending and welcomed the attendees, who were introduced to the committee. TB reported that this would be the Secretary's last meeting, and recorded thank for her work over the past 4 years.
2. **Apologies:** Harry Manning; Peter Cookson
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:** approved as a true record, with one slight administrative amendment.

#### 3a. Matters arising:

- i. TB has received an email from Peter Colley reporting on the AGM of the NWACTS
- ii. TB has been contacted by Clive Hutchby, a member of the organising committee of the Festival of the Fells regarding the Heritage leaflets; a walk round historic Ambleside during the Heritage Open Week in September would be welcomed by him. TB has advised that a stock of leaflets is held by Peter Edmonds – ongoing
- iii. It was confirmed that the letter requesting support for ACT had appeared in the Parish Magazine
- iv. A cheque for £1,000 has been handed to the Armitt towards the cost of flood resilience

#### 4. Finance & Membership:

The Treasurer reported that there is £2860 in the current account and £3000 in the Skipton account. There has been routine expenditure, including renewal of the insurance of £154.00. The cost of the panorama will be £912.00 but has not yet been invoiced. ACT has agreed to donate £500 towards the cost of repairs to the Jenkins Crag footpath; this work is currently under way.

#### 5. Kelsick School:

TB reported that the sale of Kelsick School by UOC to developers has now been completed, who propose a 72 bedroomed hotel on the site, with the main part of the school being demolished. There will be a presentation at the next meeting of the Parish Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, and public consultations on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of June. TB urged members to attend and raise any concerns they have regarding the proposal. TB reminded members that an application in 2014 for social housing had been refused and read out the reasons for that refusal.

TB had received a communication from residents of Stock Ghyll, copies of which were tabled for consideration. The application has not yet been submitted.

It was suggested that a traffic survey and a footfall survey be carried out.

**6. Low Wood:**

The footpath diversion has not yet been completed but the work to date is very satisfactory - ongoing

**7. Waterhead:**

It was confirmed that the plinth and panorama are not yet in place. LS agreed to investigate the tree situation (previous minutes item No. 7) and would also investigate the possibility of replacing the cherry tree that had been removed during the upgrade.

**7a. Any other Business:**

- i. TB reported that the sale of various parcels of land by SLDC will be re-advertised.
- ii. TB has been advised by Jackie Ratcliffe, LDNPA that all planning conditions relating to the new UOC student accommodation have been complied with.
- iii. It was recorded that Cyril and Janet Hutley have resigned from the committee; TB recorded thanks for their work, particularly on planning matters

**8. Future of the Trust:**

It was formally moved and agreed that the attendees – JB; PC; LS; RL; AC; MG; SD – would be co-opted onto the committee.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that JDM would take over as interim Chairman; SD will take on the role of membership secretary; MG will take on the role of treasurer; AC will take on the role of secretary. It was agreed that a sub-group would be set-up to look at planning matters; TB will organise and RL agreed to become a member of this sub-group.

- 9. Date of next meeting:** there will be an interim meeting held at the Salutation Hotel on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm: The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June