

AMBLESIDE CIVIC TRUST

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21st June 2016 at Ambleside Library

Present:

Tim Brown; Jonathan Moffett; Jane Beenstock; Luke Steer; Andy Carling; Mike Green; Steve Dickinson

In attendance: Peter Cookson; Heather Jones.

Apologies: Paul Cookson; Maureen Watson; Rose Lord.

1. **Opening Remarks:** TB thanked all who have helped keep ACT together and welcomed the new officers, subject to their acceptance by the meeting.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** approved as a true record.

3. Election of Officers.

The new officers were proposed and accepted:

3.1. Chairman: JM - nominated by MG, seconded by LS

JM thanked everyone for their support and reminded the meeting that he wished to be replaced at the AGM in November. He had drafted a short newsletter for sending out to all members.

3.2. Treasurer: MG - nominated by JM, seconded by SD

It was resolved that MG should be a signatory to the Barclays and Skipton accounts and any future accounts opened by ACT, and that Harry Manning should be removed as a signatory on the Skipton account.

Action MG: Carry out these changes.

It was resolved that MG is to be made a Trustee, replacing Harry Manning.

Action JM: The Charities Commission to be informed of the change.

3.3. Secretary: AC - nominated by JM, seconded by SD

3.4. The non-officer role of **Membership Secretary** was accepted by SD

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting :

4.1. (7a)ii) TB noted that the University of Cumbria had made changes to their plan regarding windows and buffer.

4.2. (3a)ii) MG has agreed to look after the Heritage Trail leaflets.

4.3. (7) LS said that shrubs at Waterhead were to be planted at the base of the trees in the walled enclosures so there would be no problem with tree roots being affected.

5. Treasurer Report

The new Treasurer gave a report prepared by JM. ACT has £1,818 in Barclays Bank and £3,000 in the Skipton Building Society. Expenditures were £1,000 for the Armitt Trust and £42 as an honorarium for Sue Osman, the previous Secretary. There will be an invoice coming for £912 for the panorama to be installed at Waterhead. It was agreed not to pay this until the Committee had been able to inspect the work.

MG added that LDNPA would be sending an invoice for £500 for work on the Jenkins Crag path. It was agreed to pay this invoice when it was presented.

6. Membership Secretary Report

SD said he had all the information passed to him for his role as Membership Secretary. He has created a new Membership Application form.

Action: JM to make 120 copies of his newsletter.

Action: SD to send out JM's newsletter.

Action: SD to pass the new Membership Application form to JB for putting on the web site.

7. Web Site

There had been a meeting at which JM passed over responsibility for the web site to JB & Rose Lord. JB reported that they had been in communication with Paul Renouf but had not yet met him.

Action: JB to pass the new Membership Application form and May Minutes to Paul Renouf.

8. Kelsick Grammar School Proposal

This was discussed by the committee, and a variety of points were raised.

It was agreed that there are several areas of concern including access, scale and effect on the surroundings. No action would be taken before a planning application was submitted.

9. Plans and Planning Rota

TB circulated a provisional rota. A finalised rota will be sent out to Committee members shortly.

Action: JM to see Michael Johnson to check on the rota dates.

10. Any Other Business

10.1. Notice Boards (Rattle Ghyll & others)

It was agreed to update the ACT information in the noticeboard at Rattle Ghyll and to contact Stuart Ross regarding the collection box.

SD agreed to take charge of this.

10.2. Community Plan for Ambleside

LS raised the issue of the lack of a Community Plan for Ambleside. The Committee briefly discussed this and agreed that SD would lead a discussion at the next meeting.

10.3. University of Cumbria liaison meetings

TB mentioned that the University of Cumbria would be holding two liaison meetings, on 3 October 2016 and 6 March 2017. MG agreed to attend the first and report to the Committee.

10.4. Love Ambleside

SD would liaise with Love Ambleside to see if there were areas of mutual interest.

10.5. Date of AGM

The AGM will be on 3 November 2016 at The Kelsick Centre.

Action AC to confirm date with Kelsick Trust.

10.6. Next Newsletter

Production of the next Newsletter was mentioned. Peter Cookson said that he would be helping his brother with the production of the Autumn Newsletter.

10.7. 55 Steps

JM reported that he had been tidying these steps, and SD volunteered to help in future.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 19 July at 7:15pm at Ambleside Library