

AMBLESIDE CIVIC TRUST

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 July 2016 at Ambleside Library

Present:

Tim Brown; Jonathan Moffett; Jane Beenstock; Luke Steer; Andy Carling; Mike Green; Steve Dickinson; Maureen Watson; Rose Lord.

1. Opening Remarks: JM noted the passing of Bob Rhodes, a long-serving member of ACT.

2. Apologies: Paul Cookson;

3. Minutes of the last meeting: Approved as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

4.1 Heritage Trail leaflets

The Treasurer had received Heritage Trail leaflets from Peter Edmonds and had taken 20 to the Hub, as requested by them and he'd been paid £10 in cash. The Armit Museum will also be offered copies.

4.2 Notice Boards

SD has updated the Rattle Ghyll Notice Board. He has not yet contacted Stuart Ross about the locked collection box

Action SD: Contact Stuart Ross

4.3 Love Ambleside

SD clarified that their name is Ambleside Together.

Action SD: Invite them to our next Committee Meeting

4.4 Autumn Newsletter

The meeting was reminded that it was time to begin preparing the next issue

5. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

6. Treasurer's Report

The change of signatories for Skipton Building Society has been accomplished (new account set up). Interest of £29.31 was paid into the account, which therefore now has a balance of **£3029**.

However, the change of signatories of the Barclays account has not yet been accomplished. The account has a balance of **£1818**.

Two invoices had been received. £500 for the work on the Jenkins Crag path and of £912 from the panorama now installed at Waterhead have been received and payment made.

The treasurer requested clarity in expenditure procedures and the meeting resolved that:

1. All expenditure must be agreed in advance by the committee and recorded in the minutes apart from routine expenditure (e.g. regular room bookings, membership secretary stamps, newsletter printing costs).

2. Where expenditure is required before the next meeting committee members should approach the chairman, who may authorise non-routine expenditure up to £50. All such expenditure should be reported at the next committee meeting.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

The newsletter was sent out. It was agreed that a new leaflet should be produced explaining the work of ACT and why people should join. SD.

Action SD: to produce a draft

8. Website

JB & RL reported that they had a meeting with Paul Renouf and will continue to develop it. They will investigate the inclusion of new pictures.

Action JB & RL to investigate the inclusion of new pictures

9. Planning Applications

A list of recommendations on recent applications was discussed and agreed.

Action AC: send the recommendations to the LDNPA planning officer (Done 27 July)

Action JM: circulate a planning applications schedule and a template for reporting results

10. Kelsick Grammar School Proposal

No new developments

11. Community Plan for Ambleside

SD led a discussion on community plans and it was agreed to examine the matter further. RL noted that there were several documents from LDNPA regarding planning and local plans and agreed to sift through them, extracting the relevant sections which would be circulated and placed on the new website.

RL said it would be important to go through these documents and see if there were any gaps in planning policy.

Action RL: circulate extracts from planning documents

12. Ambleside Sports stand

SD has arranged a stand at the Ambleside Sports, paying £50. The stand would be staffed by SD with the assistance of other committee members. SD would prepare a display of ACT work and sell Heritage Trail leaflets.

13. Change of Name

The committee decided that changing the name to Ambleside Civic Society had fewer advantages than disadvantages. There will be an opportunity at the AGM for the wider membership to make their views known.

14. Blue Plaques

Action TB: discuss possible candidates with the Armit

15. Any Other Business

15.1 Awards

MW mentioned that ACT issue two awards:

The Isobel Wilson Award for substantial developments that have enhanced Ambleside and The Leslie Johnson Award for craftsmanship.

Action All: suggest other possible candidates for the awards

15.2 Traditional drains

TB asked if ACT would consider supporting efforts to conserve and repair the remaining traditional stone drains by some roads in Ambleside.

Action TB: to investigate

15.3 Waterhead

SLDC had invited us to attend a Waterhead review meeting, but no one is available to attend.

15.4 Benches

JM reported that he had been phoned by a Windermere resident about a bench that had been replaced by a parking space outside the Queen's hotel. It was noted that benches are a Parish Council responsibility, but agreed that a survey of benches would be useful.

Action MG: survey existing benches

16. Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be at the Ambleside library on 16 August at 7:15pm