

AMBLESIDE CIVIC TRUST

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15 August 2016 at Ambleside Library

Present: Jonathan Moffett; Luke Steer; Andy Carling; Mike Green; Steve Dickinson; Rose Lord.

Apologies: Tim Brown, Jane Beenstock

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

2. Matters arising:

2.1 Notice Boards

No progress.

2.2 Love Ambleside

SD met with Clive Hutchby, who said they were very busy with the upcoming Festival of the Fells, but he was keen to promote ACT and offered free space for a stand at Market Place during the festival - 23 - 25 September. It was decided not to have a stand.

It was agreed to offer a Heritage Trail walk based on our leaflet.

Action: JM to coordinate the Heritage Trail walk.

2.3 Autumn Newsletter

The next issue needs to be ready for the AGM on 4.11.2016, which means the deadline is in the last week of September.

Action: JM to contact Peter Cookson regarding his offer of assistance in producing the newsletter.

2.4 Awards

Action: All members to provide candidates at the next committee meeting.

2.5 Traditional drains

No report was received from TB. It was noted that the triangle in front of Silver Moon (part of the Heritage Trail) has had cobbles replaced by tarmac when repairs have been needed. It was agreed that this area should also be included in the reinstatement of cobbles (JM declared an interest).

Action: TB to investigate.

2.6 Benches

MG reported that he was continuing to list and map benches, but he had noticed that some were in poor condition.

Action: MG to report.

2.7 Blue Plaques

No report was received from TB.

Action: TB to discuss with the Armit Museum

3. Secretary's Report

Secretary thanked members for their assistance in producing the minutes.

3.1 One item of correspondence was a letter objecting to the Kelsick School developments - along the same areas of concern ACT has.

3.2 A second item of correspondence was on the initiative to develop the Marina at Waterhead. A representative from ACT has been invited to the Parish Council meeting on 21 September, where developers would explain their intentions. There would also be a display on site from early September to the 22nd. On the last day, developers' representatives would be present to answer questions.

Action: ACT to be represented at the Parish Council meeting and report back.

4. Treasurer's Report

The change of signatories for Barclays account has not yet been completed. The current account will have a balance of £390 after uncleared cheques have been presented. The Skipton account balance remains at £3029.

The Armitts has taken 25 Heritage Trail leaflets on a sale or return basis.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

RL was thanked for helping at the ACT stand during a very wet Ambleside Sports where they had represented the Trust. Four Heritage Trail leaflets were sold, and copies of a leaflet produced for the occasion were distributed.

The Committee thanked SD for producing a very good publicity leaflet and asked SD to get quotes for printing a year's supply.

Action SD: to provide quotes

6. Website

RL reported that they had received photos from SD and were in the process of converting relevant parts of planning documents into pdfs to be uploaded. This would take some time due to the quantity of material and this resource needed to be complete before uploading.

7. Planning Applications

The following recommendations on recent applications were discussed and agreed.

7/2016/5398. Replace existing wooden windows with Rosewood upvc double glazed windows, Ambleside Friends of Guiding, LA22 0EE. **No objection**

7/2016/5458. Proposed dwelling, The Coach House, LA22 9PL. **Support**

7/2016/5447. Change of use from B&B to short term holiday let, Brantfell House, LA22 0EE. **Refusal** - Contradicts policy CS22

7/2016/5501. Removal of conditions on holiday cottages, Grove Farm, LA22 9LG. **No objection**

7/2016/5380. Erection of a gazebo and patio and retrospective permission for a garden shed, Ambleside Manor (aka Ambleside Lodge), LA22 0EJ. **Refusal**.

Ambleside Manor is noted as a building of special character in the Conservation Area Appraisal and the grounds to the building are classed as 'areas of landscape value and important green open spaces.' The siting and appearance of the gazebo is not in keeping with the character of the building or grounds. We also do not feel that there is enough information given about the proposed development – particularly with regards to the amount of hard standing (patio) area to be created and the impact that will have on the open space and the setting of the building.

7/2016/5414. Re-provision of sports pitch, , University of Cumbria, LA22 9BB. **No objection**

8. Kelsick Grammar School Proposal

No new developments

9. Community Plan for Ambleside

RL Went through the various documents relating to plans for Ambleside, noting that there appeared to be no gaps in policy but was sometimes poorly implemented.

10. Any Other Business

No items raised.

11. Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be at the Ambleside library on 20 September at 7:15pm