

## **AMBLESIDE CIVIC TRUST**

### **Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18th October 2016 at Ambleside Library**

**Present:** Jane Beenstock (JB), Tim Brown (TB), Steve Dickinson (SD), Rose Lord (RL), Jonathan Moffett (JM) (chair), Luke Steer.

**Apologies:** Andy Carling, Mike Green, Maureen Watson.

#### **1. Minutes of the last meeting:**

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

#### **2. Matters arising from the Previous Meeting :**

##### **2.1. Notice Boards (Rattle Ghyll & others)**

SD has checked them and they are up to date.

##### **2.2. Love Ambleside**

Four heritage walks took place, with a total of three people attending them.

##### **2.3. Autumn Newsletter**

Rupert Cookson produced an excellent Newsletter, and JM reported that he had already written on behalf of the committee to thank him.

In view of the reference in it to free entrance for members to the Armitt, it was agreed that membership cards will continue to be produced.

##### **2.4. Awards**

The Leslie Johnson craft award will be awarded to Mark Pickersgill, for his floral wall.

A commendation will be made to Bells Chemists for their window display of apothecary jars and cabinets.

**Action: JM to draft certificates, for agreement on the wording**

##### **2.5. Traditional cobbles**

TB reported that there had been no progress, except that the County Council will contact United Utilities to require them to reinstate the cobbles outside Garside butchers.

##### **2.6. Benches**

MG reported by email that he had now completed the survey but has yet to complete the map.

##### **2.7. Blue Plaques**

TB had not had a suitable opportunity to discuss this with Deborah Walsh at the Armitt Museum.

**Action: TB would discuss this with Deborah at a future date.**

## **2.8. Publicity leaflets**

It was agreed that, in view of the high quality of the Newsletters printed by Peter Edmonds, these leaflets can be printed in-house, as needed. The TIC needs more leaflets.

**Action: SD to provide.**

## **3. Treasurer's Report**

MG reported by email.

The 2015/6 Accounts are with Saint & Co for examining.

Some Standing Order subscriptions have been paid and as of 12 October we have a balance of £562 in Barclays and £3019 with Skipton BS. The only recent expenditure has been paper for printing the newsletter.

MG finally has full access to the Barclays account.

## **4. Membership Secretary Report**

SD reported on numbers of members at the end of the last year

- Individual and double memberships: 90 (28 in arrears; 5 new)
- Corporate members: 12, (4 in arrears).

## **5. Web Site**

The Notice of AGM and the Newsletter have been added to the web site.

## **6. University of Cumbria Community Liaison meeting**

MG reported by email.

The university is planning to refurbish Reid Cottage as a social space for students.

The meeting was told that there has been some recent noise disturbance by students but that it is being "proactively managed" by the university. There have been no formal complaints from neighbours. If there are problems the university recommends an immediate phone call; the university number will be answered day or night and action will be taken.

Attendees were shown round the new halls of residence after the meeting. Some were already occupied, the rest were being occupied within the following few days.

Scale How: the University have no plans for this beyond using the property 'for cultural purposes.' RL stated that it was listed, so pointed out that it was under threat.

**Action: TB to enquire further.**

## **7. Planning Matters**

### **7.1. Waterhead Marine**

TB reported that Waterhead Marine's presentation was postponed, with no new date.

## **7.2. Kelsick Grammar School Proposal**

No further information received.

## **7.3. Planning Applications**

No objection was made to:

- 7/2016/5587 two local needs dwelling houses at 3 Gale Crescent LA22 0BD
- 7/2016/5598 Extension at Mill Rigg, Fisherbeck Park LA22 0AJ

No substantial applications had subsequently been received.

TB noted a Smallwood planning application to convert the hotel into residential use. Also an application to convert Radio House on Church Street into residential accommodation is subject to an appeal.

## **8. AGM**

### **8.1. Arrangements**

Arrangements for the AGM were discussed. JM will provide refreshments. TB confirmed that Steve Ratcliffe will be speaking.

**Action: JM to provide refreshments**

**Action: TB to liaise with Steve Ratcliffe**

### **8.2. Officers and Committee**

The following nominations were made at the meeting:

- Chairman: Steve Dickinson;
- Vice-Chairman & Secretary: No nominations, although JM said that he would take on the Secretary's tasks on a month-to-month basis;
- Treasurer: It is thought that MG is willing to continue
- Committee members: Jane Beenstock, Tim Brown, Rose Lord, Jonathan Moffett, Luke Steer.

## **9. Any Other Business**

### **9.1. Thirlmere Aqueduct Gate.**

RL deplored the replacement of sandstone gateposts by oak on one of the aqueduct gates above Low Sweden Bridge. She will investigate why this has occurred.

**Action: RL to investigate**

### **9.2. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Conservation Areas**

RL noted that we are close to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Conservation Areas, and suggested that we should participate in the celebrations.

**Action: RL to suggest ways of participating**

### **9.3. Premier Inn and Hill Top**

It was noted that there had been no application from Premier Inn, and no news about Hill Top.

#### **9.4. LDNP Communities grant aid scheme**

RL noted a LDNP Communities grant aid scheme pot of £36K, to which the Trust would be eligible to apply.

#### **10. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

7:15pm on Tuesday 15 November at Ambleside Library.