

## **AMBLESIDE CIVIC TRUST**

### **Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at Ambleside Library**

**Present:** Steve Dickinson (SD - Chair), Mike Green (MG) Rose Lord (RL). Jonathan Moffett (JM), Jane Beenstock (JB), Tim Brown (TB) , Luke Steer (LS)..

**1. Apologies:** None

**2. Minutes of the last meeting:**

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

**3. Matters arising from the Previous Meeting :**

None

**4. Treasurer's Report**

#### **4.1. Balances**

As of 20 March we have a balance of £1034 in Barclays after allowing for uncleared cheques, £3019 (as ever) with Skipton BS. Cash £10.

Recent transactions:

- £146.04 Gift Aid refund from HMRC
- £10 from sale of Heritage Trail leaflets to the Hub.
- £25 payment subscription to Friends of the Armitt
- £25 payment subscription to NW Association of Civic Trusts

??? Mike, is £1034 correct? I assume that the £10 cash balance is that from sale of the Heritage Trail leaflets. ???

#### **4.2. Skipton BS AGM**

Skipton BS has sent MG and JM notice of their AGM with invitation to vote on various resolutions. It was decided to take no action.

#### **4.3. Signatories**

SD has now been made a signatory on the Barclays account but the exercise threw up the current list of six signatories, including Andrew Little, Tim Brown, Sue Osman and Peter Edmonds. MG has removed Sue and Peter and informed them of this. To remove Andrew Little appears to require knowing his email address.

Barclays warned that they may charge at some future date for having more than three signatories so we may wish to remove one other. TB agreed to be removed.

**Action: MG to remove TB from the signatories**

**5. Secretary's Report**

JM reported that we are invited to send a representative to the NWAacts AGM. Since no one is able to attend, he has sent an apology.

**6. Membership Secretary's Report inc Potential Helpers**

SD reported more membership fees have been received but few from corporate members. He will make further contact.

Membership cards have now been distributed.

**7. Future Activities**

#### **7.1. Environmental Survey**

RL & JB presented their latest update of the schedule and plans. They were generally welcomed, with minor modifications. The possibility of using the Cumbria CC facility for reporting defects was discussed.

**Action: RL & JB to produce further updates**

### **7.2. Open Meeting 2 June**

Possible speakers were discussed, including one from Cockermouth Civic Trust. In addition to a speaker, the Environmental Survey project will be presented.

Catering arrangements were discussed.

### **7.3. Civic Day 17 June**

Possible ACT activities for the Civic Day were discussed. RL, MG and SD said they will do tours from the Armitt, and JB will promote the survey.

### **7.4. Spring Newsletter**

The timetable and arrangements for the Spring Newsletter were discussed.

## **8. Planning**

### **8.1. Planning Applications**

None were discussed.

### **8.2. Planning Inspection Procedure**

After discussion, the following was agreed:

**Inspection Rota.** The schedule produced by JM in January will be used for the time being.

#### **Selection of Applications to Consider**

The Inspectors will find out what dates to cover from the Rota (the 14 days before “Plans Available at Parish Council Office” date in the schedule. They will identify recent applications (on-line or from the Parish Council Office) and check the Planning Applications Recommendations List (see below) for applications that have already been dealt with.

**Make Recommendations** Inspectors will agree on recommendations and send to them to the Chairman. He will review the recommendations, if necessary, getting a Committee decision. He will then email the recommendations to Planning Authority.

#### **Update Planning Applications Recommendations List**

The Chairman will update list and send a read-only link to committee members so they can view it.

## **9. Strategic Statement**

The revised Strategic Statement was agreed.

## **10. “Blue” Plaques**

The plaques map has been updated and now has 11 items with colour coding for different types (“blue plaques”, ACT plaques and others). It could now be added to the web site to accompany the benches map.

**Action: MG to Send instructions to JM, RL & JB for putting the map on the web site**

## **11. UoC Liaison Committee**

MG reported that the Ambleside Campus Community Liaison Group met on March 7.

Updates:

- The damaged wall on Nook Lane repaired but sacks of builder’s sand have been left in the entrance.
- The leaking gutters at Fairfield Hall are on the schedule for repair but not yet done.
- There are no developments on Scale How and Hill Top.

**Action: SD to write to UoC expressing concern about the lack of plans for Scale How**

New:

- MG reported the damaged wall between Millans Park and Rydal Road CP making it clear that we didn't have evidence that students have caused the damage. University will remind students not to use the wall. Jane Renouf asked who owns the wall. No-one at the meeting knew. LS believes that the walls belong to the private properties backing onto it.
- Other items reported are well summarised in the Ambleside News section of the Westmorland Gazette (WG).

**12. Cobbles**

**Action: SD to photo damaged sections and send them to WG**

**13. Dog Bins: Sweden Bridge Lane**

**Action: SD to write to SLDC**

**14. Thirlmere Aqueduct Gateposts**

RL is contacting United Utilities

**15. Stockghyll and Rothay Parks**

LS told the meeting that the oak woodland is under threat from beech and sycamore.

**16. Any Other Business**

None

**Action: JM to book Kelsick Centre**

**17. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

7:15pm on Tuesday 18 April 2017 at Ambleside Library.