

## **AMBLESIDE CIVIC TRUST**

### **Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Ambleside Library**

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

**Apologies:** Tim Brown (TB).

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

The draft minutes were approved as a true record after corrections to 12.2.

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

##### **2.1. Membership (item 4)**

SD stated that following the recent elections TB would now return to the ACT committee.

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

##### **3.1. Subscriptions & balances**

As of 16 May we have a balance of £979 in Barclays, £3019 with Skipton BS and £12 in cash. £38 in additional subscriptions and £37 from sales of Heritage Trail leaflets have recently been received.

##### **3.2. Signatories for the Barclays account**

Barclays have now lost SD's submitted application and this has had to be resubmitted.

**Action: MG to follow up**

#### **4. Publicity**

SD showed a poster/flyer that he has designed to publicise the Open Meeting on 2 June, the Environmental Survey and the need for new committee members. The committee agree the expenditure of about £58 for 2000 copies to be printed and widely distributed in Ambleside. SD also explained that he has opened a Twitter (social media) account in ACT's name (@CivicAmbleside) to help publicise the work of ACT and convey news about its activities.

#### **5. Open Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

SD will ask The Armitt if a speaker is available to talk about the exhibition of Brunskill photographs.

#### **6. Environmental Survey**

Some final changes have been made to the survey form and work is ongoing to define the areas to be surveyed and the analysis. There will be a short presentation on the survey at the 2 June meeting. Some expenditure is needed for clipboard, pens, printer paper etc.

**Action: JB and RL**

#### **7. Plaques**

JB has sent publicity to various local publications and it is beginning to appear in print. MG has not yet received any suggestions. Committee members made various suggestions including John Lund, Kurt Schwitters in Gale Park, the Log House (Heaton Cooper) and buildings associated with evacuations in WW2.

#### **8. Planning Applications**

Further suggestions were made for small changes to the procedure and rota.

**Action: SD**

## **9. Strategic statement**

A further draft was considered and after discussion was agreed as the final version, titled 'Ambleside Civic Trust: Our Guiding Principles for Development in Ambleside'. It was suggested that this be presented at the Open Meeting on June 2nd.

## **10. Cobbles/dog bins/ Thirlmere Aqueduct gates/benches**

### **10.1.Cobbles**

The action to send an article to the Westmorland Gazette is pending.

**Action: SD**

### **10.2.Dog bins**

SD has made no progress in discussions with either SLDC or LPC; neither body is willing to install more or to take on responsibility for the emptying of bins.

### **10.3.Aqueduct gateposts**

RL reported progress and has learned that it is necessary to modify the gateposts because of a new concrete base under the gateway. United Utilities say that they are awaiting a report from one of their engineers on what needs to be done.

## **11. University**

### **11.1.Scale How**

SD has written to the Vice-Chancellor asking for a statement on the university's intentions for the future of Scale How.

### **11.2.Land on Nook Lane**

MG approached the university following a report of unauthorised parking despoiling a pleasant patch of grass on Nook Lane between the cottages and the Charlotte Mason Building. He suggested improvements such as repairing the damage area and a seat and setting a few shrubs. In reply the university agreed to prevent further parking on this land and to repair the grass.

## **12. Stockghyll and Rothay Parks**

### **12.1.Stockghyll Park**

The actions to make contact with the new SLDC Green Space Officer and to prepare a short document summarising some of the issues with the park, to include historical points, tree management and archaeological interests remain.

**Action: SD, MG, LS**

### **12.2.Rothay Park**

The playground is now open and MG has recorded the additional benches installed on the benches map. SD has written to Richard Leafe, CEO of LDNPA, asking for a tree preservation order to be placed on the trees.

## **13. AGM 3 November 2017**

SD mentioned that a speaker is needed and asked members for suggestions to be sent to him.

It was agreed to present first results from the Environmental Survey at the meeting.

## **14. Any Other Business**

The ACT committee has been invited to visit Cockermouth by their Civic Trust Committee to look at some of their projects.

Ten members of Staveley Historical Society recently visited Ambleside as our guests and were shown round parts of the older parts by Jonathan and Jennifer Moffett and MG.

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

7:15pm on Tuesday 20 June 2017 at Ambleside Library.