

Ambleside Civic Trust

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15th August 2017 at Ambleside Library

Present: Steve Dickinson (SD - Chair), Jane Beenstock, Rose Lord, Mary Gabbat (guest).

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Mike Green, Tim Brown, Luke Steer.

2. Minutes of the last two meetings (20 June, 18 July)

These were accepted.

3. Matters arising from the 18th July Meeting not included in the agenda for 15 August

There were no matters arising.

4. Planning applications

Lendor (North Road) 7/2017/5352

It was understood that this application by the owners/developers of this property had been passed. The conditions referring to the dormer extension were to be checked (**Action: RL**).

The Royal Oak 7/2017/5484

This application was for internal refurbishment/upgrading of facilities and internal/external decoration. It was noted that the building was Grade II listed, but that the work detailed in the application was not considered to affect either the building's character or heritage. SD to investigate further (**Action: SD**).

Co-op 7/2017/5472

This application was for a new street frontage and entrance, and was considered to be a useful replacement for the present restricted stepped entry.

Ambleside Manor, Rothay Road

Although no application had been received, it was noted that works had been conducted in the grounds of the Manor, namely, the installation of a gravelled area. It was not clear what the intention behind, or the purpose of this, was. A car park would require planning consent. **To be monitored.**

5. Environmental Survey

JB and RL gave an update on the survey to date. Some forms still required completion. There was a discussion regarding the outcomes from the survey. The consensus was that there would be no 'final report', but that there would be a series of actions and results which would be highlighted through consensus.

6. Correspondence

SD reported on a letter he had received from the LDNPA acknowledging ACT's objection to planning application ref. 7/2017/5414 (Land off Maclver Lane).

7. Stockghyll Park Census and Project

The results from the second census of Stockghyll Lane / Park held on 31st August were noted. Thanks were expressed to Mike Green for organising this. A possible third census was on offer, perhaps in the autumn. In regard to the Stockghyll Park Project, the draft report for this would be completed to be discussed at the next Exec. Committee meeting (**Action: SD**).

8. Autumn Newsletter

SD raised the possibility of the production of a colour A3 two-sided newsletter that could be folded down to A4. This could raise some of the actions that ACT had undertaken, and was considering, over the period since the last AGM, namely:

- The Environmental Survey
- The 'Blue' Plaques - proposals, promotion (and a voting form?)
- Stockghyll Park
- Appeal for members, inc. committee members with specific skill-sets
- A possible joint project with the Armit Trust
- Guiding Principles

This could be produced in sufficient quantity to be put through as many of the town's letterboxes as possible, along with extra copies for hotels, guest houses etc.

SD to investigate costs etc., and a timetable for production (**Action: SD**).

9. Any Other Business

A. The 2017 AGM

It was noted that it would be useful to find a different date for the 2017 AGM to that arranged previously (Friday 3 November), as SD had a London lecture commitment over the adjacent weekend. A Friday date in November was not considered essential. To be on the agenda for the next Exec. Committee meeting.

B. Cocker mouth Visit

RL noted that it would be good to find a date for a visit to Cocker mouth courtesy of their Civic Society (as noted earlier in the year). Action: RL.

C. Scale How

RL also noted that there were murals in Cumbria University's Scale How, in respect of earlier 2017 (University Vice Chancellor acknowledged) correspondence over the significance of this building.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday Sept. 19th, 7.15pm. Location to be confirmed as Ambleside Library is closed for refurbishment between now and the end of 2017.