

**Ambleside Civic Trust**  
**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, June 19th 2018**

Present: Steve Dickinson (Chairman: SD), Michael Green (Treasurer: MG), Rose Lord (RL), David Stothard (DS), Luke Steer (LS), Terry Clark (TC).

1. **Apologies for absence:** received from Tim Brown (TB).
2. **Minutes of the Exec. Committee Meeting 17 April 2018.**

These were accepted as a correct record.

### 3. **Matters Arising from the April 17 minutes**

MG commented on Item 3, re. the outcome (successful for Impact International) of planning application **7/2018/5154**; that there was a lack of a note on ACT's specific comments on aspects of the design (RL), or on conditions affecting Stockghyll Lane (traffic plan). DS observed that ACT can comment on the details of a traffic plan, which had to be produced by the developers. RL observed that there were 370 vehicle movements in the LDNPA Local Plan section covering this access, and that Impact were to have their headquarters in the new building.

TC and LS commented on the likelihood of there being 'chaos' at pinch points where Stockghyll Lane leaves the town. DS suggested that the police should be called in the event of there being any road blockages. LS and TC suggested that local residents up the Lane should monitor the construction traffic (thought likely to provide the biggest obstruction issues), and report back.

**Article 4:** removal of permitted development rights - it was queried whether this was in, or not in, the LDNPA Local Plan. It was observed that the Lanty Slee residential development had recently acquired permission for UPVC windows. DS to devise an objection to LDNPA in regard to this. It was further observed that the LDNPA Local Plan, in respect of the area containing Ambleside (Central and SE Distinctive Area) highlights Windermere, and not our town.

**The ACT Website** - MG has sent updates through. It was noted that the home page still required updating. (Action MG).

### 4. **Treasurer's Report**

MG noted that there was £965.00 in the Barclays account, and no change with the Skipton Building Soc account. There had been a payment of £142.00 outgoing on insurance. The insurers had clarified that ACT can sell or serve alcohol at two events per annum, with no more than 100 people at each event. He further noted that all current committee members were registered with the Charity Commission as charity Trustees.

### 5. **Planning Matters**

DS tabled a list of current planning applications. Lesketh Howe (7/2018/5225) - damage had been observed to areas of tree roots with boulders. LS offered to take this up with Sam Lunn of the LDNPA. 7/2018/5344 Bridge House - repairs - thought to be OK. Hill Top (T/2018/0076) tree application likewise. DS noted that there had been some adjustments with the checking rota now that Jane Beenstock had left the committee.

### 6. **LDNPA Local Plan**

RL commented on this. Site allocations included the Kelsick/Impact site (employment), Hill Top (mixed use - the need to preserve Hill Top itself was noted during the discussion on this), and Loughrigg Meadow for housing. There followed a round table discussion on the lack of affordable

local housing. In respect of issues with local signage, it was noted that Windermere and Bowness had a special policy, and that Ambleside should be included in this regard also.

There was a general acknowledgement that the Plan prioritised development over conservation (44% of all development identified in the document was in our Central/SE Distinctive area), and that innovative solutions to the problems of local transportation were required, but the Plan offered no clarification in this regard. SD to compose a letter to Tim Farron, local authorities and others in respect of this particular lack (Action:SD).

## **7. Environmental Survey, Fundraising, Membership and Plaques**

RL noted that Jane Beenstock's Incentive Scheme required signing off at the ACT AGM, and that funding would need to be secured for it. TC noted that Ambleside Christmas Lights was due to happen in November, and that ACT could have a fundraising stall at it selling suitable small items. Membership - the leaflets due to be placed in with an autumn 2018 issue of the Ambleside Parish Newsletter are to offer membership through to September 2019. Plaques - SD to collate information in regard to the plaques identified at the last (2017) AGM, including a funding offer for the Log House plaque, and to pass this to MG (Action: SD).

## **8. Stockghyll Park Project**

The Stockghyll Park working party had met on May 1st, and DS had produced some notes after this, which are here:

### **Stockghyll Park Working Party Meeting**

**1<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

#### **First Phase actions**

It was decided not to set up a web site for the project but we would investigate the Armitt website publicising the project.

#### **For Community Activities:**

- A. Obtain an Ordnance Survey map of Stockghyll Park.
- B. Identify on the map points of interest and concern.
- C. Cost the production of the leaflet including text, images, design and printing.
- D. Cost production of a poster.
- E. Production of display panels and a house style – need a brief for costing of design, materials & printing.
- F. Produce an Education Pack containing: information & work sheets. Teachers' input required.

#### **Survey & Research**

- A. List what could be included: mills; water falls; topography; notable trees; Victorian & earlier visitors.
- B. Bio-bltz on trees, animals and insects.
- C. Possibly ask other people/groups to participate in any of the survey and research.

#### **Armitt Gallery**

- A. Poster and exhibition. Cost of staffing.

- B. School visits.

### **Publicity**

- A. Posters – Armitt & Salutation Hotel.
- B. Investigate other relevant public location, near the Park if possible.
- C. Investigate contributing a page on the Armitt website to publicise the project.

### **Training for volunteers & Armitt**

- A. Information about the project and the Park.
- B. Health & Safety.

### **School** – Ambleside only at first, with possible invitation to other local schools in future

- A. Agree with the school what approach would be appropriate.
- B. Produce and give an introductory talk to teachers/ pupils.
- C. Pupils to visit exhibition and receive a talk at the Armitt, followed by a guided visit to the Park.
- D. Need number of visits, age groups and Armitt's cost.
- E. Pupil activities in the Park.
- F. Pupil activity / responses in school after visit.

### **University**

- A. Luke to enquire about the possibility of university involvement in the project.
- B. Possible field trip for student.

### **General Public**

- A. Guided walks, preceded by visit to the Armitt exhibition;
- B. Talks to local organisations; Rotary, WI, etc.
- C. Unguided visits using the leaflet.

## **9. General Data Protection Regulation**

MG noted there needs to be a simple statement in our membership leaflets and on the ACT website stating that we would never share personal ACT membership data with third or other parties.

## **10. Any other business**

There was no other business.

## **Next meeting**

17 July 2018, (this was postponed by SD), now 21 August 2018.