

Ambleside Civic Trust

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, 19 February 2019

Present: Steve Dickinson, Chairman (SD), Terry Clark, Treasurer (TC), David Stothard (DS), Vicky Bracegirdle, Honorary Secretary (VB)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Luke Steer.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 18 September 2018

These were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- The “totem pole” has now been erected in the Market Place.
- Waterhead slate panorama – Bill Birkett to be contacted regarding advice over Waterhead slate panorama re-fixing.
- Environmental survey – next stages to be discussed – on this agenda.
- Ambleside Christmas Lights – a small amount of funds were raised. If ACT have a stand in 2019 it would be worth incorporating more of a food element in to the stand, as food went well at the stand in 2018, together with Ambleside named items such as fridge magnets, badges, etc. The Committee agreed to revisit this closer to the time of the 2019 event. The Committee thanked TC and her team for their hard work on the 2018 event.

4. Treasurer’s Report

TC reported a superb handover from Mike Green a few weeks ago.

The Barclays Bank paperwork has been completed. TC awaits the card to enable online banking to be carried out.

Skipton Building Society – paperwork will all being well be completed tomorrow.

Funds in the bank remain relatively unchanged to those last reported.

Individual memberships – discussion about membership, which numbers around 80-100 members. TC is reviewing records of those paying by standing order, cash, cheque, etc and has prepared membership forms and cards for the next round of renewals. Agreed that for members with standing orders and direct debits they be sent membership cards along with news of forthcoming ACT activities and how to get involved.

Corporate memberships - discussion took place around approaching possible corporate members in the future.

5. AGM

The Committee discussed the AGM which was felt to have gone well.

6. Committee Membership

SD reported that Christine Riley has expressed an interest in joining the Committee, potentially after the end of March.

Discussion took place about recruiting new Committee members, particularly in light of forthcoming work on Stockghyll Park, potentially those involved in education, e.g. primary school, secondary school, the University.

With regard to ACT's online presence, SD to speak with a contact of his regarding ACT website, in particular a facility for online payment for memberships, events, etc.

DS to speak with a couple of local contacts he has made recently who may be interested in becoming involved with ACT.

ACT President – it was agreed that SD approach Andy Lowe regarding possible position as President of ACT.

7. Planning Matters

DS continues to monitor planning applications closely.

Lanty Slee – DS to contact the Council about this, namely the windows.

Waterhead – TC reported that a further 2 houses may be in the pipeline here. All agreed to monitor the situation.

8. Stockghyll Park

SD reported on a project grant of c. £10k for which an application had recently submitted on behalf of ACT, part of which would cover a topographic survey of the Park, recruiting and training of volunteers, volunteer travel and administrative costs. The outcome of this grant submission is expected in early spring. It was noted that the topographic survey would be the precursor to a future feasibility study.

Expenditure against the recent successful £2k grant application will need to be completed by the end of the 2018/19 financial year. SD to circulate to Committee members a plan for expenditure of this grant.

9. Any Other Business

Plaques

- The Log House - the agreed plaque for Alfred Heaton Cooper is not in place yet. SD to follow up on next steps regarding this.
- 5 Market Place – DS had received a communication regarding potential for a plaque at this location for The Revd Owen Lloyd who wrote the Rushbearing Hymn. SD to check plaque costs (no planning permission required). DS to write communication in response to B. Lock regarding ACTs support in relation to a plaque at this location.

Heritage Trail Leaflets – around 300-400 leaflets are in stock at present. These are mainly sold at the Hub, the Library and the Armit Museum.

It was noted that the current leaflet does not include details of the fort and other areas of equivalent interest - outside of ACT SD has had an ongoing professional interest in developing an archaeological guide to the area to include sites such as the fort.