

## **Ambleside Civic Trust**

### **Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, 16 April 2019**

**Present:** Steve Dickinson, Chairman (SD), David Stothard (DS), Luke Steer (LS), Vicky Bracegirdle, Honorary Secretary (VB)

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Terry Clark, Treasurer (TC).

#### **2. Minutes of the Meeting of 19 February 2019**

These were accepted as a true record.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

No matters arising not already covered by the agenda.

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

There was no report however SD advised that 1. there have been no material changes since the previous report and 2. TC is currently following up on memberships.

#### **5. Planning Matters**

DS reported on recent planning applications which include a new kitchen roof, work at Hilltop and replacement of UPVC windows with wooden at a property on Church Street.

SD reported no further development observed up at the former Kelsick Grammar School site, simply that the property is being used.

With regard to the local plan DS will look over this as soon as he can and will check if tree policy NE12 has been updated, following a request by LS to check this.

Lanty Slee – DS to write a letter regarding the windows.

#### **6. Stockghyll Park Project**

SD reported that unfortunately ACT had not been awarded the grant for which an application had been submitted (for topographic survey and workshops). Other potential sources of funding were discussed - funding needed to increase public awareness, undertake topographic survey and for education workshops.

LS mooted the idea of using GPS system to map the site. It was noted that this would need to be undertaken in winter. Cost would be around £2,000-£2,500.

Discussion around ACT membership, in particular, ways for potential members to join online. Discussion took place about the potential for an ACT app not only to enable members to join online but to do other things too such as follow the heritage trail, book for events and highlight the town's plaques. SD to speak with his contact Nathan regarding the app.

#### **7. Market Place Plaque**

SD to contact the property owner regarding this plaque: which ACT had agreed to fund.

#### **8. Any Other Business**

Waterhead panorama – SD to contact David Birkett regarding the angle of the panorama and how best to affix it.

Committee membership – SD to contact Christine Riley. It was agreed that it would be helpful to have committee members with experience in fundraising.

Talks/presentations - LS offered to do a talk on trees for which there would be an entry charge, payable to ACT. SD is giving a talk in the coming weeks – the fee will form a donation to ACT. DS to contact the Natural History Society regarding potential ACT speakers at future events.

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