



## **IHBC EAST MIDLANDS BRANCH MEETING**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**At: 7pm, The Organ Grinder, Portland Street, Newark, NG24 4XF.**

### **Minutes**

#### **Attendees:**

Ros Worrall	Rob Walker
Emilie Wales	Sera Baker
Fiona Newton	Chris McKinney
Roy Lewis	Rose Thompson
Alice Ullathorne	Peter Chowns
Chris Perkins	Jason Mordan

#### **1. Apologies:**

Chloe Oswald  
Liz Mayle  
Paul Grundy

#### **2. Minutes of the Last Meeting & Matters Arising**

Minutes amended to accurately reflect email between Chair and member regarding additional Curtilage response, email to be sent directly to member by way of apology for misrepresentation. RL confirmed Policy Committee to clarify institutes position on Curtilage next Tuesday with online publication.

**LM** To send email member directly.

#### **3. Updates:**

i. Annual School 2019.

Next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> Feb,, now finalising tours. Speakers all agreed. Glasgow School of Art is now wider subject of recording and digitalisation. All Boi's up and press releases currently going out. Will be able to book very soon. Sponsors are being approached – to let Alice know who we are approaching to update spreadsheet. Bursaries to be released very soon required providing a short statement focus on early career members as per previous years - not covering travel costs. Add to bulletin.

**CM** to share bursary with committee prior to release.

- ii. Consistency in Decision Making  
Saved until next meeting, due to absence of chair.

**EW** to add this to next agenda.

#### **4. Chair's Report & Business Plan**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, Collywestern Slate Heritage Centre Arranged though Matt Webster. Include introduction and VR of process followed by CPD on historic paint. Booking for members only due to restricted places.

Thinking about September AGM, CM suggested Bolsover following on from Skills Training events that have been held there.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Current £1190.73 + £1100          Reserve ?

- i. September Statement

AU didn't attend December Committee but info was sent though to Lydia and RT sent on missing statements. End of year drawn down. Business Plan approved.

Charles Mynors not yet requested payment. Alice has spreadsheet of Mynors attendee's payments. Receipts from Mynors events sent?

- ii. Change of Signatories  
On hold.

## 6. **Branch Reps Report**

Heritage Alliance has got tax concessions on the agenda. 13<sup>th</sup> December Dial in meeting. Business plan accepted. No comments on budget. Policy Committee next Tuesday. Next Council Plus is 2<sup>nd</sup> May in London, we need to a few from branch to attend. Theme is 'competencies'.

## 7. **Membership Report**

1 new full, member 2 affiliate, 2 students  
197 total with 7 terminations

**LM** to send welcome email new members.

## 8. **County Rep's Reports**

Leicestershire – written report

Lincolnshire –

Last meeting held in December in Grantham. Short presentation by Invest SK followed by tour of HAZ. Rob Walkers leaving presentation.

West Lindsey - Gainsborough TH development ongoing.

East Lindsey - small grants available in market towns, and successful bid for esplanade gardens Skegness.

NELincs - TH and HAZ officer posts filled.

Lincoln - Sincil Street works ongoing, City looking to sell harlequin.

County – still providing minimal archaeology to NELs, EUS areas announced.

South K – HAZ grant scheme so far successful working on final key buildings.

Heritage L – busy delivering activities and Old Kings Head due to start on site, recruited for Boston TH/HAZ post.

HE – restructure ongoing, Louise to be Regional Director.

Nottinghamshire –

Held bi-annually. Last meeting was at Nottingham urban rooms. Lost Simon Britt from Basset Law who has moved to West. Not heard anything from Rushcliffe. Rose attended to give HE update.

Derbyshire – N/A

Northamptonshire –

Held quarterly. Will have attendance from now on.

**9. Communications Officer**

i. Bulletin

To create next bulletin with April meeting on it – non-members can join if they wish to attend. Messenger to sponsor lunch at Collywestern.

ii. Twitter

Happy to share Dreadnaught tiles CPD - to suggest they take a stand at the Annual School.

**10. Any Other Business**

**11. Date of Next Meeting:**

**5<sup>th</sup> April, Collywestern Slate Heritage Centre Stamford.**

Written Reports:

### **Leicestershire County Report – 5/2/2019**

A Leicestershire and Rutland Conservation Officers Forum was held at the Diocese of Leicester on 23/1/2019. Representatives were in attendance from the Diocese, Historic England, Charnwood Borough Council, Harborough District Council, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council, and North West Leicestershire District Council.

The Diocese has a new Church Buildings Team comprising a Archdeacons' Project Officer, the DAC Secretary, and the newly created post of Historic Churches Support Officer (this post has been funded by a substantial grant from Historic England, following the recommendations of the Taylor Review on the sustainability of church buildings and also in response to the increased incidence of metal theft from churches in the Diocese).

**Charnwood** - 8 Loughborough Conservation Areas have been recently reviewed with six boundary amendments formalised. Work is now commencing on reviewing five rural conservation areas with the Thurstaston review currently out to public consultation.

Renovations to Taylors Bell Foundry are complete. Works have commenced on the new mixed use development at the Garendon Estate. The Urban Design Officer role is being re-advertised. There is a wish to make more Article 4 Directions but there will be political difficulties.

**Hinckley & Bosworth** - A Local Heritage List has been drafted with reasonable coverage. There is an intention to devise a Local Heritage at Risk Register. The first HBBC Heritage Forum has been established to ensure local heritage stakeholders can come together to network and address common issues with Council support and advice. Work on devising a Public Realm Strategy has commenced with targeted improvements likely to inform the location of further heritage-led regeneration opportunities within Hinckley town centre. A watching brief is being maintained on other town centre funding streams including the potential development of a PSiCA, a refreshed Townscape Heritage Scheme, and/or taking advantage of the heritage initiatives in the Future High Streets Fund.

**Harborough** - There is local pressure for conservation area designations but this will require HDC resource. An enforcement notice to put right various internal works to the grade II\* listed Skeffington Hall has been appealed. An application for repairs to the at risk grade II\* listed Withcote Hall is not up to spec and will likely require an urgent works notice.

**Leicester City** – new Conservation Officer is in post (Paula Burbicka) and the third vacant Conservation Officer is to be advertised. A PSiCA for shop front and façade improvements in Church Gate is awaiting approval from Historic England; the works will feed into the Connecting Leicester project. Completion of an updated appraisal and management plan for New Walk Conservation Area is awaiting the elections. The Greyfriars THI is now in year 4 with the complementary projects budget being spent. There is a potential compensation claim against the Article 4 Direction made on the locally listed Fleet House to prevent demolition. Renovations of five war memorial were completed to a high standard by Calibre with the works featured on East Midlands Today. The Y Theatre has a three year heritage programme with funding available for organisations and projects. Archaeological focus of addressing the At Risk Abbey Precinct walls, the Castle turret, and the Magazine Gateway. Conservation Management Plans are to be produced for all three sites. HE is to provide funding for condition surveys and repair work. A number of trees have been removed from the Precinct walls. The Castle turret has been restored by Messengers. Historic Building Surveys for industrial heritage sites are to be completed to provide a baseline. Future study on hedges as historic boundary features to take place.

**Leicestershire County Council** – John Sharpe continues to provide standard advice for Oadby & Wigston BC and Blaby DC. There is the potential to complete conservation area appraisals within OWBC. The Coalville shopfronts improvement scheme has finished but may be revisited and widened. The County are looking to recruit to the vacant Archaeologist posts. Sophie Clarke confirmed she has taken over Liz Blood's post as Heritage & War Memorials Officer. The County grants scheme for repairs and conserving war memorials remains open; there was a good take up last year due to WWI centenary and works to other memorials around the county are being identified for 2019.

**North West Leicestershire** - The Development Control process at NWLDC has been streamlined. The £140k Coalville Clock Tower refurbishment has been completed. Heritage At Risk surveys are ongoing in the rural villages with volunteers being sought for larger settlements including Ashby and Castle Donnington. A local heritage list is being developed with the first draft of the list being based on themes. Kegworth now has a designated conservation area. The conservation areas within Ashby and Castle Donnington are to be reviewed. There is a particular issue with the accuracy of the listed building entries in Ashby, the Historic England offer of a defined area survey to address inaccurate entries may be taken up.

No relevant updates / nothing to report from Blaby District Council, Melton Borough Council, Oadby & Wigston Borough Council, Rutland County Council

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