



Minutes of Branch Committee Meeting: Thursday 11 May 2017 at The Brewhouse Yard, Nottingham

Attendance:

Liz Mayle (Chair)	Stephen Bradwell (Secretary)	Rose Thompson (Treasurer)
Justin Webber	Chris McKinney	Sam Peppin Vaughan
Jason Mordan	Rob Walker	Jonathan Biggadike
Ros Worrall	Martin Jones	Emma Hancock
Chris Collison	Alice Ullathorne	Thomas Barton
Jane Tricker	Tom Street	Elizabeth Campbell
Kim Wyatt	Paul Grundy	Melissa Thompson
Arrived Following the Meeting:		
Chloe Oswald	Alan Harvey	Penny McKnight

Apologies: Becky Waddington, Kelly Appleton-Swaine, Roy Lewis, Jane Roylance and Fiona Newton

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed, except for one change:

Reserve Account to read: £190.33

2. Chair's Report & Business Plan

As part of the Branch Business Plan Liz explained that she had been looking to promote the AGM in Stamford on 21 September, linked to other events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of conservation areas.

These events included a lecture series on conservation areas and a guided walk around Stamford. A conservation fair was also to be held and the IHBC would be represented there.

3. Annual School Bursary

Liz reported that there had been four applicants, and the Committee had agreed that the Bursary should be offered to Emily Wales at North East Lincolnshire Council. Emily was dealing with the Ice Factory a major industrial regeneration project in Grimsby and this work tied in well with the theme of the Annual School.

4. IHBC Annual School 2019

Liz reported that the offer by the Branch to host the 2019 IHBC Annual School had been accepted.

As such the Branch needed to consider a suitable theme, general location and host venue for the event.

The initial starting point would be to seek volunteer help from within the Branch, as it was important to start the planning and organisation as soon as possible.

Possible locations needed to be easily accessible, by car and preferably also by train, and therefore preferred locations were either Nottingham or Leicester.

Justin Webber, Leicester City Council's conservation officer, noted that there was capacity within Leicester to host the Annual School, particularly using the University during its summer vacation, and links could be made with the University's urban history centre.

Alice Ullathorne, Nottingham City Council's Heritage Strategy Officer, also proposed Nottingham as a suitable venue and even the opportunity to have a twinned event with Leicester. Although Rob did say that in the past for organisational reasons it was best to keep the venues reasonably close together.

However Liz also pointed out that the final choice of venue was decided by the IHBC.

The theme for the Annual School would also need to be agreed by the Education and Standards Committee, although 'Disasters' had been suggested as a worthwhile theme, with an onus on providing subject matter of relevance to frontline staff.

After some discussion it was clear that a disasters theme could cover a range of different issues – such as fire, flood, bomb-threat, neglect/building failure, etc.

Rob also suggested that if Nottingham and Leicester were keen to play host to the event, then perhaps they could submit a brief bid drawing up a list of potential venues and available resources which the IHBC could then consider.

In addition, Liz pointed out that the Annual School would need to be supported by suitable visits.

It was agreed that an email¹ should be sent out to Branch members outlining the nature of the 2019 Annual School and asking for volunteers to join the organising committee.

5. Treasurers report

Rose confirmed that the Branch finances were:
£1473.94 in current account
£190.34 in deposit account

She also noted that she had booked the Annual School place for Emily and had received £600 from the IHBC central office.

6. Membership Secretary Report

Jason reported that he was not aware of any recent membership applications.

7. County Reps Reports

Leicestershire: Paul Grundy reported that there had been no recent meetings in Leicestershire, but that there had been some discussions with Northamptonshire to hold joint meetings.

Paul reported that Martin Jones had joined Charnwood; that selection criteria for locally listed buildings had been published in Hinckley & Bosworth and a THI had been applied for in Hinckley.

Nottinghamshire: Jason Mordan reported that there had been no recent meetings in Nottinghamshire.

Derbyshire & Lincolnshire:
Circulated with the agenda.

¹ email sent out to all Branch members on 20 May 2016

8. Any Other Business

Liz noted that the next IHBC Council+ meeting was due to be held in Birmingham and invited offers from Branch members to attend in the absence of Roy, Liz Blood and Ros Worrall.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 1.25pm.

The meeting was followed by a buffet lunch and an informative talk from Alice Ullathorne and Tom Street about Nottingham City's heritage strategy and recent heritage initiatives. After which there was an opportunity to walk around the city centre to see some at the key locations.
