



IHBC EAST MIDLANDS BRANCH MEETING

Tuesday 20th April 2018

At: 11am, City Hall, Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FA

MINUTES

Attendees:

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| Emilie Wales | John Corpup |
| Liz Mayle | Paul Grundy |
| Emilie Carr | Kathryn Moore |
| Alice Ullathorne | Nigel Dyer |
| Rose Thompson | Sophie Noon |
| Roy Lewis | Justin Webber |
| Robert Walker | Elizabeth Campbell |
| Chris Mckinney | Jane Tricker |
| Jen Timothy | Janine Buckley |

1. Apologies:

Chloe Oswald
Sarah Chang
Ros Worrall
Fiona Newton

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting & Matters Arising

Agreed

3. Updates:

i. 2018 AGM.

Liz and Chloe have looked at multiple venues. Budget is £420. Look for short meeting in the morning then lunch followed by a longer afternoon of visits.

Venues considered: Silk Mill (max 25), Pickford House (max 24 but free parking), Art museum (£40+VAT), The Quad, Cosey Club. Preferred venue, Art Museum with Buffet. 7th September.

ii. Annual School 2019.

It was shared with attendees, how good the organising committee and volunteers are and that the ideas and networking coming forward for potential site visits and the day school are great! Dates are 4th – 6th July due to availability.

EW - to share Belfast amongst members.

SC - to share idea spreadsheet amongst wider member.

iii. MATE (Membership Application Support Events).

Nottingham next Wednesday, so far look to be a good attendance 27 currently booked.

4. Chair's Report & Business Plan

Thoughts have moved onto next year's April visit. Liz has been in contact with Collywestern, perhaps a site visit to the quarry can be arranged.

Also an idea was raised that we could have an additional paid for event on legislation and case law. Other branches have contacted Charles Minors for a lecture on Curtilage; other names were also mentioned tbc.

5. Treasurer's Report

Confirm that there have been no costs for the MATE event. Current balances unchanged from last meeting.

AU – to confirm exact figures

6. Branch Reps Report

Last meeting was Thursday, in London. At a national level IHBC need more people to review new applications for membership. IHBC Wikipedia Page....

7. Membership Report

East Midlands +13 this quarter.

8. County Rep's Reports

Leicestershire – Written Report

Lincolnshire – Written Report

Nottinghamshire – None.

Derbyshire – None

Northamptonshire - N/A

9. Communications Officer

Annual School Flyer to be professionally made, investigate if national pay for this or if we need to find this.

CM – To make an AGM Flyer.

10. Any Other Business

- i. Possible closure of Historic England's East Midlands District & potential consequences.

LCOG has submitted a letter of objection, splitting the county up or moving it to Yorkshire is not supported as Lincolnshire is part of the east midlands. Is there a possibility that IHBC will also submit a response, if below are some of the points raised by members:

Qu. From a consultants point of view, it is already difficult enough to get hold of HE officers and even worse to get them to site, would this potential move make this worse?

Qu. Does 15 hours free for pre-app include travel (eg. York to South Kesteven is impractical).

Qu. Shouldn't HE follow government standard regions?

Qu. Would this effect local knowledge and expertise we are used to?

- ii. NPPF – Changes

Amendments are available to view now, there is a helpful website available where you can directly compare both the old and new versions. Policy Secretary – if you want to make comments please send these to Roy by the 22nd April.

iii. Council +

Next Council Plus in 3rd May in Peterborough.

Rose has an automatic place, but Fiona has granted 2 additional places. Alice and Emile W to attend. For this meeting only attendance from EM Branch could be stretched to 4 if Sarah can make it as she is in early career – which is the topic of this meeting. Possible rethink overall numbers at next branch meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

7pm, 10th July, The Organ Grinder, 21 Portland Street, Newark, NG24 4XF.

Written Reports

Leicestershire –

- Leicester City – new Heritage at Risk Register published with targeted works for various sites (Braunstone Hall has been removed from the City register and is in use as a wedding and conference venue / Abbey Park Precinct Wall requires £170k of works with possible HE funding / works to the rear of the Corn Exchange building backing onto the new Market Place are about to commence). Faith in Maintenance Day being held at City Hall on 23 May, delivered by funding from County Council, HE, DAC. War Memorials Trust granted funding for works to three memorials across the city.
- Harborough – Sam Peppin-Vaughan appointed to vacant Conservation Officer role, moving over from Leicester City
- Hinckley & Bosworth – Awaiting decision from HLF regarding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund to deliver a Townscape Heritage Scheme in Hinckley town centre, decision is due in May 2018. Three war memorials (Desford / Shenton / Twycross) recently listed at grade II as part of latest round of HE research
- John Sharpe at Leicestershire County Council continues to provide historic environment advice for Blaby and Oadby & Wigston, but no longer Harborough now the vacant role has been filled. Advice and potentially financial assistance on proposals for repairs to war memorials remains available from the County Council
- No relevant updates provided by Charnwood, Melton or North West Leicestershire

Lincolnshire –

- County Archaeological team is full (8). Ian has quarterly meetings with the Police and Crime Commissioner to advise on Heritage Crime.
- Gainsborough Round 1 meeting went well and decision to be made shortly. Pilot shop front scheme was very successful!
- Woodall Spa Article 4 and LDO now look like it will be September before adoption.
- Skegness Espanade Gardens design Guidance is in the pipeline for its future management and maintenance.
- North Kesteven PSiCA is ongoing. Metheringham is the next area to be looked at for a conservation area appraisal.
- DAC – Taylor Review highlighted Lincolnshire as an exemplary model.
- NELC now has a TH (4yrs) and a HAZ (5yrs), previous recruitment was unsuccessful but feel positive that new round will be more successful. In addition to these schemes an additional £4.6m council capital has also been secured to regularised and remove from risk 8 of the councils own heritage assets.