

Minutes of IHBC North Branch meeting held on Wednesday 9 July 2008 at North of England Civic Trust, Blackfriars, Newcastle Upon Tyne

Present : David Lovie, Elaine Hogg, Stewart Ramsdale, Mike Hein-Hartmann, Geoff Underwood, Ian Goodman, Ken Hutchinson, David Carruthers and Jules Brown joined for discussion about the summer school.

Apologies: Graham Darlington, Clare Lacy

Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

- Stewart thanked David and Elaine for organising the AGM in Newcastle and conference at Ushaw

Treasurers Report

- Account stands at approx £500

Branch Representative Report (meeting 4 June)

- Guidelines are being prepared for media interviews
- The new chief planner for the Government, Steve Quarterman will provide better access for IHBC representations
- The IHBC response to the Heritage Protection Bill was supported by several other institutes with the IHBC taking the co-ordinating role.
- There is a call to Branches for increased attendance at the annual school. Only two members of our branch attended, Stewart and David.
- The London branch has a seminar soon on tall buildings.
- A register for consultant professional advice is being set up (HESPR), see IHBC website
- A professional indemnity scheme is being explored
- The IHBC is establishing a trading arm, IHBC Ltd.

Membership Report

- The latest membership list from HQ has 69 members for the North Branch. Elaine to obtain another print out of the membership.

CPD

- There was a discussion about providing CPD certificates and we decided to continue to provide them for our branch training events.
- New ideas for seminars were specifying and a trip to a brick works and also the enforcement seminar.

Business Plan

- We now have a web site manager, David Carruthers. Elaine to send David, Peter Badcocks IHBC email address
- We also have newsletter editors Ken Hutchinson and Ian McCaffrey and we will review the newsletter in September.



Newsletter

- The target is a newsletter before Christmas.

NE Historic Environment Forum

- No report. David to attend if Geoff unable to

Cumbria Representative Report

- Graham not able to attend but invited the committee to the next CCOG meeting in September.

Any Other Business

- There was a call for members to attend the Gibside skills fair
- Following Jules prompt, the NE branch has offered to host a summer school either in 2012 or 2013. We need to start thinking about a venue, topic, speakers and sponsors etc. We also need to find out more about the organisation of a summer school.

Date of next meetings

Wednesday at 3:30 at Blackfriars, Newcastle Upon Tyne 3 September (but this is likely to be altered to 12 September in Cumbria), 5 November, 10 December

Any members wishing to attend will be very welcome and any comments on the minutes or any other matter will be gratefully received. Please contact the branch secretary Elaine Hogg, Design and Conservation Officer, Environment, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ or email Elaine.hogg@durham.gov.uk