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YORKSHIRE BRANCH

**Minutes of Meeting of Yorkshire Branch Committee held online
using ZOOM (arranged by RT with DR as host)
7 February 2022 @ 6.30pm**

	Present:	Action
	Maria Calderon (MC), David Rawlins (DR), Eric Carter (EC), Emma Gibbens (EG), Tom Bromet (TB), Andrew Shepherd (AS), Keith Knight (KK), Stephen Walker (SW), Naomi Kempton (NK), Illan Santos (IS), Ally Lu (AL)	
1.0	Welcome: MC Chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. As new members to the Committee, IS and AL introduced themselves: IS has recently joined Arap in York as a Conservation Architect; AL is a lecturer at University of Sheffield, anxious to help her Conservation Studies students via the IHBC. There followed some discussion in this regard: see item 5.3.	
2.0	Apologies: Louise Winrow (LW), Stan Driver (SD), Rebecca Thompson (RT), Annabelle Richer Hill (ARH), Andy Graham (AG). DR expressed concern that there had been no response from SJ for a long time.	
3.0	Declaration of Any Other Business None declared.	
4.0	Minutes of previous meeting. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2021 were accepted by those present.	
5.0	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> IHBC AGM February 24th. All members able & recommended to “attend” on line. All except Affiliates are able to vote, which is possible by proxy if unable to attend. Discussions will include the IHBC Board’s call to upgrade the Affiliate category to recognise those with an ‘awareness’ of conservation, which means that from April 2022 anyone not securing or applying for assessment as an Affiliate will join a new ‘supporter’-style category, but see no other change to their status, benefits, fees or opportunities to learn from and contribute to the IHBC. MC & DR are booked to attend. DR asked if anyone had any suggestions that could be put forward on behalf of Yorkshire Branch. MC indicated that AS has been nominated to join the Board of Trustees, and is expected to be voted in as there is no opposition. Excellent that Yorkshire Branch will have representation at this level. DR pointed out that SD had previously expressed interest, but due to his age and wife’s illness he is now to take a step back. Branch AGM 2022. MC expressed a desire for the next AGM to take place face to face rather than online, and for the Events sub-committee to start looking at arranging a speaker /s. If anyone has any ideas, please submit them to MC. DR reminded everyone that effort should be made for the event to be recorded if possible so that the talk is also available to those not able to attend in person. There followed some discussion regarding location. A suggestion to use the Methodist Chapel in York (where an event was held before the Pandemic), but, with AL now on the Committee, there was a consensus that effort should be directed at holding the AGM event at Sheffield University. AS & KK have both attended before. AL to look into a venue to hold up to 50. (Floor 13?) TB / AS to ask Dorian Proudfoot of Donald Insall Architects regarding possible talk on Wentworth Woodhouse (visit?); AS may be able to do a tour in Sheffield? 	<p>MC</p> <p>DR</p> <p>AL/ LW AS</p>

6.0	Officer's Reports	
6.1	Chair (MC). As new to the temporary position, MC asked that we bear with her whilst she settles in. Comment was made regarding the Traditional Training Days arranged by MC. Both events went very well. Demand for the Traditional Mortars event was over-subscribed, such that effort will be made to arrange another, along with the workshop due on 12 February on Plasters & Renders, which is also fully booked. Only 12 spaces were taken for the workshop on window repairs. The workshop on Thatch was deferred to 26 March due to Covid: There are still spaces available for this workshop and the workshop on Timber Structure repairs (12 March). DR asked that these events be circulated again. MC will update & sent to DR.	MC DR.
6.2	Branch Rep Report (SD) Not present.	SD
6.3	Treasurer's Report (EC) No expenditure or income since last meeting. However, following pandemic assistance from Head Office in line with all regions, our account now stands at £2238.18: an amount which will be of great help towards subsidising members.	EC / KK
6.4	Secretary's Report (DR) Nothing further to report. DR continues to be busy circulating events in Yorkshire and other information obtained via social media, YCCC, Historic England, SPAB, etc.	
6.5	Events Secretary (EG) <i>Those organising the events will need to arrange Risk Assessments / Health & Safety etc prior to each event (3 months notice) to ensure we are covered by IHBC Insurance.</i> a) Traditional Building Skills Workshops (MC): See item 6.1. b) Insulation / Retrofit / Climate Change. TB / ARH. ARH not present, but has been talking to Historic England re webinar. Committee were keen for the event to progress during the working day, perhaps 4pm onwards, with a 3 month lead in for publicity (so perhaps a May/June date). Any webinar can be during the week as it seems most members seem to be working from home! Talk to be on most appropriate materials to be used, but also about the issues arising when works are undertaken incorrectly, consequences etc, such as dampness, condensation and associated problems. Too many contractors do not consider buildings holistically!! There are also the issues of undertaking heating & insulation installations whilst avoiding destruction of historic fabric. TB has spoken to Nicholas Heath http://ndmheath.co.uk/about-ndm-heath-ltd/ who does a lot of talks for the Green Register and so might be interested in doing an online talk. It is possible that Nick Heath could join Historic England to discuss these issues: c) Roundtower Lime on Breathable Insulation & Mortars. (email circulated by KK). It was considered that their seminar seems more appropriate for house owners than IHBC professionals, since the basic reasons for Conservation are already known so don't need to be repeated. Hence, the seminar more to do with buying their products, knowledge of which will no doubt be presented in the seminars run by Historic England and Nick Heath. No need to follow up. d) Conservation Training Course. KK introduced himself (for AL & IS) & talked about his Conservation Modules, based on RIBA format (ICOMOS Guidelines). He hopes to start	LW TB ARH KK

	<p>these again from April if sufficient interest (at least 12), possibly based at Bedern Hall, York.</p> <p>e) KK may also do a further walk in York Centre (as follow up to Museum Gardens walk at end of last year. Best not during holidays.</p>	KK
6.6	<p>Membership Secretary (NK)</p> <p>We now have 180 members, which includes a very high proportion of Affiliates. The Committee supported Head Office proposal to create the term Supporter rather than Affiliate to encourage more members to attend MATES courses. AS confirmed that these are VERY important, with the % gaining full membership considerably higher from those attending such courses. These are run regularly throughout the country via Ramona Usher. New members are coming world-wide.</p> <p>Important that members keep their email addresses up to date, particularly when changing jobs. DR asked NK to let him have a copy of the up-to-date list.</p>	NK
6.7	<p>Branch Media Officers.</p> <p>SJ not present</p>	
6.8	<p>Newsletter Editor (EG). EG to put something together on questionnaire, and to look into providing an interim Newsletter to support the proposed webinar on Climate Change issues affected historic buildings.</p>	EG
6.9	<p>County Reps.</p> <p>North Yorkshire – ARH not present.</p> <p>South Yorkshire. AS: Nothing to add to item 5.0 (3). However, AS may also be able to offer a Branch visit to Camelia House by the Summer: - The Greenhouse has had no roof for 40 years. The only tea available is camelia tea! the next stage of Wentworth Woodhouse development: probably April or May 2022.</p> <p>East Yorks. SW– Expressed concern that there seem to be a void of full members to draw on for employment in East Yorkshire: Any full members in East Yorkshire should let themselves be known to SW. He thinks that Dream Heritage CIC, Archaeologists based in Howden may be able to offer heritage training on Buildings, guttering: MC & SW propose to attend one of their events.</p> <p>West Yorks. AG Not present</p> <p>Heritage Alliance Rep :(RT). Not present but DR understands that RT has not had any updates at all. She has chased them and tried to lead a revival of the group to no avail. We may need to review its future...</p>	AS SW RT
7.0	<p>Any Other Business.</p> <p>None</p>	
8.0	<p>Next meeting – 9 May 2022</p> <p>Venue: Online (unless otherwise notified).</p>	ALL