

**Minutes of CODS Meeting No 74**  
**Thursday 3 March 2010**  
**Room 166a, First Floor, North Block, County Hall, Matlock**

**Present:**

Allan Morrison (Chair)	DCC
Rebecca Waddington	PDNPA
Heather Emery	Consultant
Mel Morris	MMC Consultant
Pat Strange	DHBT
Philip Smith	BDC & CBC
Eilis Scott	EH
Barry Joyce	DCC
James White	EBC/(ex. LeicCityC)
Lisa Walton	NEDDC
Paul Warren	DCC
Debbie Maltby	Derby CC

**1. Apologies**

Dave Barrett	DCC
Gill Stroud	DCC
Philip Heath	SDDC
Rachael Coates	AVBC
Marilyn Hallard	SDDC
Francesca Machin	EBC
Jason Mordan	NottsCC
Tanya Shaw	DDDC
Adam Lathbury	DCC
Kim Wyatt	BDC
Chris McKinney	BDC
Jonathan Moore	BDC
John Sewell	PDNPA
Catherine Mate	PDNPA
Sue Adam	PDNPA
John Sharpe	LeicCC
Jo Brooks (Secretary)	HPBC
Chloe Oswald	Derby CC

**1. Introductions**

The following new members were asked to introduce themselves:

James White	EBC/(Leic City C)
Lisa Walton	NEDDC

## **2. Minutes of meeting No 73, 9 December 2009**

Minutes of the meeting were agreed.

## **3. Matter arising from the last meeting**

Highway Design Guides – Representatives of the Districts were asked whether the proposed consultation by county highways had taken place.

BJ urged all members to pursue this matter and obtain confirmation that the appropriate level of 'urban design' input is made. **ALL**

JW reported on his experience at Leicestershire where its urban designer (Nicola Handa) had been involved with advice on house building.

PPS 15 – (PPS 5) – ABM considered that it might be less likely that this would be released/published as the General Election becomes nearer.

Derby Hippodrome – DM reported that although a trial date had been set for the end of April, the owner changed his plea at the last minute. Sentencing had been delayed while the value of the building was assessed.

Derwent Valley/Swadlincote PSiCA's – ES confirmed that she and Clive Fletcher at EH had recently met to review applications.

BAR – ES confirmed that EH's request for update of their HAR should be to EH as soon as possible.

BJ requested that EH highlight the continuing plight of Belper North Mill as a Grade 1 building at Risk in the World Heritage Site. **ES**

## **4. Historic Environment Records update**

ABM tabled DB's paper. BJ urged members to feed in their own requirements for the HER to maximise its usefulness to each individual District. **ALL**

MM enquired about the current situation relating to historic landscape character; BJ explained that despite previous publication of the Landscape Character of Derbyshire and much work on this facet, no historic landscape character layer currently exists, to provide greater depth of meaning and understanding to the Landscape Character of Derbyshire. BJ confirmed that a post devoted to this issue has been

secured, lasting 18 months; this would use models established by other authorities and be based on map evidence.

BJ indicated that a presentation would be made to CODS at some point in the future.

ES stated that it was useful for policy framework especially where conservation areas are not an appropriate designation.

## **5. Funding applications and approvals**

BJ reported that the DVMWHS Partnership has been awarded £104,600, from RIEP, which will fund:

- production of a three minute film (to include images for use in city centre screens for Cultural Olympiad);
- upgrading DVMWHS website;
- signing project site, to include signs and traffic signing using the new branding.

RW reported that the PP had been awarded £7,000 for improved design standards.

## **6. Local Economic Assessments**

ABM asked if members had been involved in consultation for economic assessment of areas, including the effect on assets of activities such as tourism, quarrying, coal-mining, etc.

JW reported on joint response in Leicestershire, which he believed was ahead in the process; based on square metreage of vacant historic floorspace and Buildings at Risk.

BJ reported that Mike Brittain is leading for DCC but was not aware of extent/process to which Districts were feeding in; deadline 15 March 2010.

## **7. Appeal decisions and casework**

DM reported on an appeal that was dismissed relating to replacement of allotments for garages to mill workers' housing, in Darley Abbey, part of the WHS. Though the CA appraisal was only in draft, the decision took into account the effect on the appearance of the WHS as described in the Management Plan.

BJ considered the Planning Inspectorate to be wrongly applying the test against which WHS's are assessed, which is the effect on its Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), not its appearance.

## **8. IHBC News**

ABM reported that the IHBC Summer School, held at Buxton in 2009, had been sufficiently successful to be able to provide a bursary for attendance of students and trainees at future schools.

## **9. AOB**

1. Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site: BJ reported for members' information that the Derwent Valley Partnership is to revise its mode of management for the WHS. A new Board will be set up comprising 10-12 people; 4 LA and 6 non-LA reps; representing interests of tourism, industry, university; operating via Director responsible for strategic delivery and implementation of Man Plan; proposed structure is for a Coordinator and officers responsibility for Economic Devt, Education and Administration aspects of the WHS; DCC has approval to increase its contribution from £15,000 to £165,000 pa, which should be in place by Autumn 2010.
2. Creswell Crags: BJ reported on the DCMS new procedure for WHS nominations; two-part process involves, i) expressions of interest (by March); ii) invitation to Sites to develop its nomination, although currently there are no guidelines for the process.
3. ICOMOS UK: BJ reported that the UK's advisory body on WHS's had recently had all its funding cut from English Heritage, rather than the small cut that it was expecting.
4. Conservation Officer for NEDDC: Members were informed that Lisa Walton had been appointed, internally, as the new Conservation Officer for North East Derbyshire, after the post being vacant for approx two and a half years. Lisa has embarked on formal conservation training.
5. Urban Designer for NEDDC: BJ reported on North East Derbyshire's intention to train-up an in-house planning officer in Urban Design, in a similar way to its action in respect of a CO.
6. EH representatives: ES reported that Ben Robinson is the contact for statutory intervention matters, Urgent Works, etc, in the county/region; ES reported that Louise Brennan is due to return to work on 21 June 2010.

## **10. Date of next and future meetings**

- Wednesday 16 June,
- Wednesday 1 September

- Wednesday 15 December

All at 10.30, County Hall Room 166a, First Floor, North Block, County Hall Matlock, unless otherwise arranged.

**PPS 5**

**Eilis Scott has offered to give us an EH presentation on PPS 5 at the June meeting.**

**On the website with these minutes is a note from the Leicestershire C O Forum on a High Court decision on an LB curtilage case for your information.**