

Minutes of CODS Meeting No 75
Thursday 16 June 2010
Room 166a, First Floor, North Block, County Hall, Matlock

Present:

Sue Adam	PDNPA
Jacob Amuli	CBC
Dave Barrett	DCC
Barry Joyce (Chair)	DCC
Adam Lathbury	DCC
Chris McKinney	BDC
Mel Morris	MMC Consultant
Chloe Oswald	Derby CC
Eilis Scott	EH
John Sewell	PDNPA
Pat Strange	DHBT
Lisa Walton	NEDDC
Paul Warren	DCC
Kim Wyatt	BDC
Debbie Yates	BDC

1. Apologies / Introductions

Jo Brooks (Secretary)	HPBC
Christopher Charlton	The Arkwright Society
Rachael Coates	AVBC
Marilyn Hallard	SDDC
Harry Hopkinson	Derby CC
Debbie Maltby	Derby CC
Jonathan Moore	BDC
Allan Morrison	DCC
Ken Smith	PDNPA

2. Minutes of meeting No 74, 3 March 2010

Minutes of the meeting were agreed.

3. Matter arising from the last meeting

Item 3 Matters arising: Derwent Valley/Swadlincote PSiCAs; BJ asked question about the current situation of area grants from EH. ES confirmed that grants remain available, though demand is much more competitive than in previous years and any grants would have to meet the national and regional priorities.

Item 3 Matters arising: BAR; ES confirmed that the H@R was close to publication, launch dates being 1 July (national) and 7 July (regional), in Derbyshire. BJ made a further request that EH highlight the serious condition of the North Mill, Belper, which despite being listed in grade I, continues to have its repair issues unaddressed. **ES**

Item 4: HER update; DB provided an update and explained about access and security problems, speed of access, etc. He suggested that CODS members should discuss this with their own IT sections in order to get more direct access to the HER database and appealed for sets of data for HER. **ALL**

In response to a question by KW about the Heritage Gateway, BJ stated that there is a meeting planned to consider HLC & HER, feedback for which DB would provide at the next CODS meeting on 1 September. **DB**

Item 7: Appeal decisions and casework; BJ and CMcK mentioned the training events, at Ironbridge and Newcastle, respectively proved to be very useful.

Item 9: AOB: 2. Creswell Crags; BJ reported that expressions of interest were actually required by 11 June, not March.

4. Presentation on PPS 5 and the EH Guidance

Eilis Scott, team leader with English Heritage, presented an excellent summarised briefing on Planning for the Historic Environment. She explained that 'policy' and 'guidance' have been separated out; the Practice Guide gives significant weight by being a government document; it expands on policies, using ten easy steps and considers all heritage assets not just listed buildings.

'Significance' and 'value' is underlying philosophy; given stronger emphasis than in PPG15. Document promotes evidence based approach for decision-making; logically being provided by HER's;

Links with PPS1 themes of 'place', 'positive place-making' and 'proportionality'; enabling development: no substantive changes but now has more weight being included in government document;

Discussion following Eilis' presentation raised the following topics:

- design and access statement;
- setting; advice on methodology; consideration of visitor experience, etc;

- local authority charges for pre-application advice
- value to public;
- current vacuum of regional policy;
- 'allocation areas' to hang HE & landscape/urban characterisation;
- removal of previous useful guidance on prosecution, enforcement, conservation area designation and technical issues in PPG15 not incorporated into PPS5.

DB advised that as it is proposed to revise the document after a year, members should make any comments and concerns to EH. **ALL**

MM commended the EH publication, 'Understanding Place'.

5. Funding applications and approvals

JA reported that a stage 1 Heritage Lottery Fund grant had been approved for Staveley Hall and gardens, under the Heart of Staveley Project.

BJ expressed his concern for a number of RIEP projects, which he considered were at risk in the current economic climate.

CO reported that a meeting had taken place at Darley Abbey.

6. Appeal decisions and casework

CO reported on the Hippodrome prosecution case, the specific details of which were provided after the meeting: -

At the sentencing hearing on the 28 April Derby City Council accepted that it had agreed that Christopher Anthony (defendant) had failed to agree a methodology and subsequently the works to the roof on 28 March 2008 were carried out badly, but they were not an act of vandalism. The judge summarised the sentencing at the end by first noting that DCC were not pursuing sentencing on the basis of vandalism with the aim of pecuniary gain, and that therefore a custodial sentence was not appropriate. He acknowledged that Mr Anthony had lost money on the building and was in a parlous financial position, which meant that it would be wrong to impose a fine which could lead to prison. The judge also considered that, as the defendant was the principal carer for his wife, who is in ill health, and that he was in ill health himself and could not enter into gainful employment at the moment, community service would not be appropriate. He therefore granted a conditional discharge for 12 months. DerbyCC were

given the opportunity to make an application for costs up to 4.00pm on 28 January 2011.

7. IHBC News

CMcK reported that the 2011 IHBC School would be in Llandudno, and the theme will be 'Navigating the shallows: conservation and stewardship in uncertain times' (Thursday 16 June to Saturday 18 June). <http://www.ihbc.org.uk/llandudno2011/>

8. AOB

There was no other business to raise.

9. Date of next and future meeting

Wednesday 1 September 2010, 10.30, County Hall Room 166a, First Floor, North Block, County Hall Matlock.