

**Minutes of CODS Meeting No 78
Wednesday 2 March 2011
The Derbyshire Ecocentre – Wirksworth**

Present:

Jacob Amuli	CBC
Rachael Coates	AVBC
Adam Lathbury	DCC
Chris McKinney	BDC
Allan Morrison (Chair)	DCC
Paul Warren	DCC
Jo Brooks (Secretary)	HPBC
Mel Morris	MMC Consultant
John Sewell	PDNPA
Becky Waddington	PDNPA
Kerry Babington	EH
Catherine Mate	PDNPA
Lisa Walton	NEDDC

1. Apologies / Introductions

Pat Strange	DHBT
Kim Wyatt	BDC
Gill Stroud	DCC
Chloe Oswald	DC
Richard Tuffrey	HPBC
Dave Barrett	DCC
Barry Joyce	DCC
Sue Adam	PDNPA
Ken Smith	PDNPA
Debbie Yates	BDC
Marilyn Hallard	SDDC
Eilis Scott	EH

Allan introduced Kerry Babington from English Heritage.

2. Minutes of meeting No 77, 15 December 2010

Minutes of the meeting were agreed.

3. Matter arising from the last meeting

Allan handed out the Selectaglaze CPD certificate.

4. Lime products presentation by Mark Womersley

Mark Womersley from Ionic Building Supplies www.ionicbuildingsupplies.co.uk gave a very interesting presentation on the use of lime products in both new and historic buildings. The presentation was very detailed and in far too much detail to convey adequately in the minutes. However it is hoped to make the presentation available to view and download from the DHBT web site. The areas covered by the presentation were:

- Why use lime render, plasters and insulation
- Which type of lime mortar
- Which type of sand
- Breathable finishes

The presentation concluded with a brief discussion about training contractors in the use of lime and the benefits of actually training on live projects.

5. EH Local Listing Consultation

There was some discussion regarding the recently published draft Local Listing Guidance from EH which is currently out to consultation. JB stated High Peak to look into developing a list any advice from authorities further down the process would be welcome. It was suggested Erewash – they had adopted criteria through public consultation. South Derbyshire had developed criteria in conjunction with CA appraisals. ABM reminded all that sources of information on heritage assets were held by HER and should be consulted but also once local lists developed they should then go on the HER.

Use of volunteers was helpful in putting together lists, given LA resources. Mechanism was required to determine decision making process and what goes on the list.

JA – stated they intended to use professionals to help advice on list preparation and that some assets held social and cultural importance and value.

CMK questioned the benefit of local lists in Bolsover given significant areas covered by conservation area status. JB stated that High Peak had several requests for listing declined by EH where buildings were outside CA.

Whilst not discussed at the meeting EH have since circulated some planning/appeal decisions relating to demolition of buildings on Local List with varying consequences. The details will be attached to the DHBT web site.

6. HLF Strategy Consultation

ABM reminded all about the HLF Strategy Consultation. This is a consultation on their business plan for the next 3 years. The County is co-ordinating a response from several DCC officers in different departments. Chris Smith (EH National Policy Director) has stated the importance of getting a response back on the future of area grant schemes as the future of PSICAS, or something like them, may depend upon HLF funding . The consultation ends 26TH April 2011.

7. Funding applications and approvals

None to report, however April 2011 is the decision date for the THI application for Bolsover.

8. Appeal decisions and casework

MM updated all on a recent Inquiry and Inspector's decision regarding retrospective applications for the use of a Grade 1 listed building, in Staffordshire Moorlands, as a wedding venue. The issues to consider were; impact on the internal alterations on the listed building; impact on setting (car parking, green belt) and impact on residential amenity. The appellant lost his appeal but in his summary the Inspector stated the most important impact to consider and hence his decision was the impact on residential amenity and not impact on listed building or setting. The applicant intends to challenge the decision in the High Court on the basis that it was the same authority that is the licensing authority and originally issued the license to conduct weddings.

A copy of the appeal decision will be placed upon the DHBT web site.

9. IHBC News

CMcK raised three matters:

Branch matters:

- The East Midlands Branch Committee Business plan is being limited this year to the holding of 2 CPD events and ideas for one of these would be welcomed.
- The Branch AGM will be in September.

Annual School:

- There have been no applicants for the EM Branch bursary to attend this year's School at Llandudno which is very disappointing. Anybody thinking about registering their interest should get in quick as you may get the bursary uncontested!

Chris is to be seconded from Bolsover DC's Conservation Team to the Planning Policy Team for a year, which is a bit of a blow for their developing Heritage at Risk Strategy. Chris thinks it is therefore appropriate to stand down

as Derbyshire rep on the Branch Committee so that Derbyshire can be represented by someone who can attend the CODS meetings. A replacement is therefore needed.

10. AOB

ABM mentioned that Harry Hopkinson is taking early retirement at the end of March and that Debbie Maltby is leaving Derby City, leaving Chloe single-handed. Debbie has since confirmed to ABM that despite the cuts, her CEO has approved the filling of her post.

10. Date of next and future meetings 2011

1 June
7 September
7 December

All at County Hall, Matlock

Footnote 1:

After the meeting, Cathy Cooke, the Ecocentre Manager, gave us a brief tour of the building, explaining what it is being used for, and the ethos behind the design. Its purpose is to provide education and training in the principles of sustainable development and living, including heritage craft skills.

Footnote 2:

It has been pointed out to ABM that National amenity bodies are no longer specifically invited to CODS meetings. This is being rectified and all will be invited to any future meetings.