

**Minutes of CODS Meeting No 79
Wednesday 1 June 2011
County Hall, Matlock**

Present:

Adam Lathbury	DCC
Allan Morrison (Chair)	DCC
Paul Warren	DCC
Jo Brooks (Secretary)	HPBC
Mel Morris	MMC Consultant
Becky Waddington	PDNPA
Lisa Walton	NEDDC
Pat Strange	DHBT
Kim Wyatt	BDC
Gill Stroud	DCC
Barry Joyce	DCC
Clive Fletcher	EH
Jamie Foot	AVBC

1. Apologies / Introductions

Chloe Oswald	DC
Richard Tuffrey	HPBC
Dave Barrett	DCC
Sue Adam	PDNPA
Ken Smith	PDNPA
Marilyn Hallard	SDDC
Eilis Scott	EH
Jacob Amuli	CBC
Rachael Coates	AVBC
Chris McKinney	BDC
John Sewell	PDNPA
Kerry Babington	EH
Deborah Woodcroft	PDNPA
Catherine Mate	PDNPA
Francesca Machin	EBC/THI
Richard Shaw	SDDC
Louise Brennan	EH

Allan introduced Jamie Foot, who was covering Rachel Coates' maternity leave for Amber Valley and Clive Fletcher from EH.

2. Minutes of meeting No 78, 2 March 2011

Minutes of the meeting were agreed.

3. Matter arising from the last meeting

DCC and PDNPA were revising the pointing leaflet.

4. HER Update

GS gave a brief update of the HER and a paper is attached to the minutes that summarises the work carried out by the HER assistant (HERA). Currently the HERA is reviewing and adding Chapels to the HER whether extant or not. Each authority should now have access to the HER register on their map based systems. Any errors or additions should be sent through to DCC. The HER will be updated annually in October. The jointly funded post will continue until August 2012 but the County Council have agreed to extend this until August 2014 without the need for District funding. Requests for information for Statements of Significance have not gone up significantly, as information is available through the Heritage Gateway.

5. Ecocentre Exchange

AM outlined the ethos behind the Eco Centre Exchange which helps Derbyshire Eco Centre to work with others. It will facilitate the sharing of ideas and expertise for the benefit of learning for sustainability. A paper outlining the benefits is attached to the minutes. Whilst CODS members recognised the benefits, it was agreed not to join at the moment and to wait and see how it develops in the future.

6. Funding applications and approvals

Both Darley Abbey and Bolsover were turned down for recent THI applications. Darley Abbey won't resubmit but Bolsover to wait and see outcome of application and may reconsider.

CF from EH was asked to comment upon EH area funding schemes. EH will be honouring financial commitments to existing funding schemes, but won't be offering funding against any new area grant schemes and will be looking towards the HLF to fund.

They have a commitment to their Section 77 grants and these are targeted towards conservation areas where there are 2 – 3 buildings at risk. These are not partnership funded and will have to be prioritised.

EH are involved in discussions with HLF for offering smaller area grant schemes as opposed to the much larger THI.

BJ explained that trying to retain money for partnership schemes is very difficult.

JB outlined issues around the Glossopdale THI and loss of critical project due to unacceptable scheme and loss of match funding. However HLF working flexibly with Council to address this issue given current economic climate.

7. Appeal decisions and casework

There were no current appeals to discuss but there was some discussion and clarification provided by CF regarding the latest Court of Appeal Judgement regarding demolition. If the demolition of a building was considered to be a project requiring an EIA then the demolition would require planning permission.

JB suggested that appeal decisions could be held centrally on the DHBT web site and categorised for ease of reference. JB to liaise with DHBT about how this could be done and cost implications. PS stressed how important it was to get the categories right.

8. Pevsner Revision

The Derbyshire volume is to be revised. This is good news as long overdue, last revised in 1977. Clair Hartwell will be working on the project, part time for 4 years. She will be working geographically starting at the south of the County. Requests from local authorities to identify new additions, including exceptional modern buildings.

9. Buildings At Risk Review by DHBT

AM, PS and BJ to review the DHBT BAR to see if we can be more proactive to solve problem buildings. Possibility of engaging local groups to do some of the legwork in identifying and compiling a comprehensive list for Derbyshire. CF referenced an authority in Lincolnshire that was using local groups and the scheme was being funded through HLF.

10. OPUN

The recent newsletter (attached to minutes) from OPUN was discussed with particular reference to charging for using the East Midlands Design Review panel. Subsidised fees are £750, non subsidised are £2,000. There was some discussion about large developers being willing to pay this. Bolsover to consider incorporating the fees into fee charges. There is a worry that the cost precludes smaller schemes being submitted. JB outlined Alliance Design Review Panel between High Peak and Staffordshire Moorlands where smaller schemes are assessed against the CABA Building in Context criteria.

11. High Amenity Surfaces in Conservation Areas

AL said that several years ago a register for recording High Amenity surfaces in Derbyshire had been compiled by the County. It is a useful resource although needs updating and made electronically available. AL had been successful in bidding for funding to undertake this task. Request to all authorities to consider reviewing areas when undertaking Character Appraisals. There was some discussion by all about whether to include unadopted areas and what detail the County require.

12. IHBC News

Chris McKinney has withdrawn as Derbyshire branch committee member and no replacement has come forward as yet. There has been no application for the IHBC bursary. None of the CODS members present were attending this years Summer School at Llandudno.

The Chair of the East Midlands IHBC is reviewing CPD events. She has asked that if CODS hold CPD events we open these up to IHBC members. CODS members agreed to this.

13. AOB

LW has been in touch with Tarnia McAlester, who has been commissioned by EH to undertake a study into stone to see if there is a need to safeguard certain types for the future. She is half way through the project but it was suggested she comes to the next meeting (7th September) and do a presentation on her work.

JF raised recent appeal decision from North West Leicestershire which raised issues about the need for planning permission to change windows where no article 4 directions exist. Inspector seemed to suggest planning permission was required. (appeal decision attached). LAs asked to consult legal teams and report back at next meeting.

Creswell Crags has made it onto the World Heritage Site tentative list.

DCC have now scanned all slide transparencies (c.5500) and will soon be available on Picture the Past website. Now scanning prints of which there are about 15,000 dating back from the 1960's.

CF raised concerns about lack of Derbyshire highway engineers at Streets for All training. There was a need to raise event through possible seminar/conference. BJ to set up a small working group to discuss further.

AM sadly said he would be retiring next March and that the March CODS would be his last. So nominations for Chair required.

14. Date of next and future meetings 2011

7 September 2011

7 December 2011

7 March 2012 **(TO BE ALLAN'S LAST MEETING BEFORE RETIRMENT
CODS WILL NEED A NEW CHAIR !!!!!!!)**

Currently to be held at County Hall, Matlock.