

M I N U T E S

CODS Meeting- Creswell Crags 16th Sept 09 Meeting No 72

1. Attendees: Francesca Machin, Helen Bower, Paul Warren, Jamie Foot, Ian Wall, David Walsh, Richard Tuffrey, Barry Joyce, Kim Wyatt, Allan Morrison, Patrick Strange, Mel Morris, Debbie Maltby, Catherine Mate, Sue Adams.

Apologies from John Sharpe, Jason Mordan, Ken Smith, Becky Waddington, Chloe Oswald, Dave Barrett, Gill Stroud, Jo Brooks, Philip Heath, John Sewell, Eilis Scott

2. Minutes of the last meeting-Accepted as a true record of the meeting.
3. Matters Arising
EMBCE- AM reported that following on from Cathie Clarke's presentation at the last meeting he wanted to mention the creation of a new building at the National Stone Centre by the County Council largely funded by the Learning and Skills Council. This Eco-centre would build on the courses provided by the College of the Peak.

BJ reported that he has had a meeting with Jeremy Fenn (HLF) re: street masonry skills. BJ has already met Cathie Clarke to discuss the issue.

Conservation Areas at Risk-BJ asked for comments from the group on how successful the survey was. A discussion followed with RT stating that the approach taken meant that responding conservation officers felt some difficulty in responding as doing so was unavoidably an admission of failure.

BJ stated that he thought a 'naming & shaming' approach is the best.

HER- AM reported that this item had been removed from the agenda for this meeting as there was no update. But he also reported to the group that Nicky Manning has been appointed Assistant HER Officer on a 3-year fixed term contract.

Regional Design Guide- BJ reiterated that officers should seek out what their own Local Authorities are doing.

4. Grant Schemes in Conservation Areas
 - RT provided background to High Peak's approach to double-glazing in grant-aided projects i.e. sometimes deemed appropriate where reinstatement of a timber sash replaces an inappropriate modern window.
 - RT outlined that recent advice from English Heritage has stipulated that double-glazing should not be allowed under any grant schemes.

- DW from English Heritage said he had spoken to colleagues on this matter and was assured that EH advice has been consistent. He also acknowledged THI schemes may be different in their approach.
- A discussion ensued re. the need to assess applications on their merits whilst raising standards and awareness of historical accuracy with single glazing. DW said draught proofing and secondary glazing should always be considered as an alternative to double-glazing. He also outlined that Chris Woods presentation at the annual school provided good ammunition to look at alternatives
- CMcK and BJ reported that Creswell model village had permitted double-glazing but that this was a one-off situation.
- **ACTION: DW will report this at the next English Heritage Advisors Forum held bi-monthly and will report back to CODS as necessary.**
- **The general consensus seemed to be that double-glazing traditional sash windows would not be supported through grant schemes.**

5. IHBC News

- CMcK announced that he is the IHBC representative for Derbyshire again.
- He also reported that the recent visit to Harlaxton Hall for the EM AGM was a success
- He reported on the success of the Buxton annual school and the profits for the East Mids branch.
- Any ideas of how to use this money are welcome and should be directed to Chris McKinney.
- RT reported that High Peak's Mayor-Cllr Tony Bingham who addressed delegates at the annual school reception had recently passed away.

6. PPS15

- AM outlined that all local authorities should comment on the draft PPS.
- AM summarised IHBC's official response by James Caird to the draft PPS as following-
 - Lack of sustainability
 - Missing PPG15 Components, and
 - Reliance on LDF policy
- AM reminded the group that the PPS is not meant as guidance which will follow in due course.
- MM reported that she had attended the IHBC West Mids branch meeting. The comments made with regards to the draft PPS were that the terminology could be simplified.
- Dave Barrett reported via AM that archaeologists were generally happy with the draft PPS.

- **ACTION: Anyone with any comments should contact James Caird directly.**

7. Local Economic Assessments

- AM said that the County would have a duty to carry out economic assessments starting on 1st Apr 2010.
- Cultural assets will form part of this assessment and will have a large role to play.
- KW said it would be useful to get an idea of the type of information that will be required for this assessment.
- **ACTION: AM requested the group to think about this in advance.**

8. Local Transport Plan

- AM liaised with the County local transport team who require evidence of where historic environment is in conflict with transport corridors.
- The team now seek comments from CODS members-looking at conflict now and in the future.
- The Plan has to be in place by 2011.
- **ACTION: Any comments or examples should be raised with BJ/AM or Alan Marsden of the County local transport team.**

9. Funding Applications & Approvals-No updates

10. Appeal Decisions and Casework-

- DM reported that an appeal for the refusal of UPVC windows has been dismissed. This is a good result for Derby city.

11. AOB-

Feedback from Eilis Scott-Technical Panel Meeting

- Eilis is awaiting a response from John Humble re Funding.
- English Heritage are responding to pre-application proposals for Tesco in Belper.
- AM asked for clarification over who would deal with this application whilst Louise Brennan is on maternity leave. DW confirmed it would be Anna MacPherson.
- RT asked why applications concerning local authority buildings were now going to G.O.W.M. DW was not aware of this.

Derby Hippodrome Update

- DM gave an update on the Hippodrome. Derby City are proceeding with a prosecution against the owner and the foreman-focusing on the roof collapse. A Friends group have now formed and they are looking to resurrect the building as a theatre working with the Architectural Heritage Fund.

12. NEXT MEETING: Weds 9th December 2009.

13. Ian Wall-Creswell Heritage Trust gave a presentation.

The main points are summarised below:-

- Ian gave the background to the pre-historic site.
- First excavation of the site in 1870's
- Findings as recent as 2003-Rock art
- Currently working on gaining World Heritage Site Status subject to major infrastructure improvements some of which have already been implemented such as the by-pass road.
- Creswell Heritage Trust formed in the 1990's
- The Trust is working in partnership with E.H and Natural England with regards to managing the various designations on the site- SAM, SSSI, and Grade II registered Park & Garden.
- New building designed by OMI architects of Manchester provides new facilities including a museum, teashop and cafe, educational resource centre and meeting rooms.
- The trust now employs 70 staff.
- The building cost up to £6million including partnership funding from HLF, ERDF and EMDA.
- The Trust has put in place a 20-year strategy for the site.

Many thanks to Ian for providing a venue and refreshments for our meeting and for giving us a really useful insight into the work of the Creswell Heritage Trust.