

## ROTHERHAM DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

### Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011 at 7.00 p.m. at Woodlands Club

**Present:** B. King (Chairman), S. Crowther (Honorary President), P. Hawkridge ( Secretary), G. Boothman, S. Davies, R. Eddington, I. Hawkridge, P. Nowill.

1. Apologies: B. Fletcher, M. Hoggard, D. Sykes.

2. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising:

- (i) Still no progress regarding the relocation of Archives and Local Studies.
- (ii) Lunchtime meetings of the Executive Committee – Park Hotel £10 cost but no guarantee of a downstairs room. East Dene Social Club to be looked at as a venue.
- (iii) Environmental Trophy. Previously received by Jackie Bickerstaffe on behalf of the Learning Disability Service. She has now left the Service and other colleagues being contacted to try and establish the whereabouts of the trophy.
- (iv) Ken Dunn, Parkfield Road, has volunteered to give a talk to Society members about his experiences in Africa.
- (v) The next quarterly meeting with RMBC scheduled for 9/2/2011.

4. Organisational review:

- (i) The Honorary President suggested that a new recruitment drive is needed.
- (ii) The Secretary is meeting TRC staff and will leave a ‘student membership’ recruitment notice.

5. Social committee: BF has the 16 persons required for the Quiz lunch on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

6. Listed buildings and conservation areas:

- (i) Conduit House Farm, Worksop Road, Aston – new conservatory.
- (ii) Manor Farmhouse, High Street, Laughton – two storey extension and conversion of dwelling to two dwellinghouses.
- (iii) Fairfield House, Moorgate – demolition of building and erection of five dwellinghouses; change of use to residential of former Coach House and demolition of adjoining garage – Yorkshire Ambulance Service. It was agreed that the Society should not object to the proposal given that substantial new housing has already taken place to the rear. I.H.’s reference to the Coach House being an Ambulance Museum subsequently found to be misplaced – the Museum was relocated some years previously.

## 7. Major applications:

- (i) Reference was made to the public notice detailing Harron Homes' proposal for 12 dwellinghouses and 4 apartments at the former Listerdale Care Home.
- (ii) The Secretary drew attention to the recent grant of planning permission for a leisure centre and football pitches on Watson's farm / Winterhills at Kimberworth.
- (iii) Reference was made to the 79 conditions attached to the outline planning permission for the RUFC Community Football Stadium e.g.
  - a) Trans Pennine Trail provision on southern boundary.
  - b) RUFC to provide new fence on top of the wall by the Liquid Nightclub.
  - c) RUFC to undertake assessments of overspill parking impact within 800 metre radius of Stadium.
  - d) Demountable flood defences to be provided to protect the Listed Building.
  - e) Specialist noise consultant to assess Stadium impact on '*nearby residential properties*'.
  - f) Detailed mitigation scheme required for 'light pollution and light trespass'.  
*No flood lights will be permitted unless the mitigation proposed can demonstrate that the setting of the listed building will not be affected.*
  - g) A piece of public art to reflect the historical significance of the site to be placed in the area allocated for public realm.
  - h) The permission relates solely to its use as a football stadium with accommodation for changing rooms, manager, directors, club shop etc. (further planning applications required for the necessary raising of the land levels, and for additional community uses of the Stadium).

It was also noted that the prospects for tree planting in the vicinity are limited by virtue of objections from Network Rail, and South Yorkshire Police (re: CCTV surveillance).

## 8. Correspondence:

- (i) The Secretary has responded on the following matters:  
SYFAB: membership form.  
Charity Commission: Annual Return.  
Cabinet Office: Survey of Local Charities and the Third Sector.  
YHACS newsletter request for articles – sent a short piece about the Society's recent publications.
- (ii) Voluntary Action Rotherham – survey of local charities.
- (iii) Rotherham Heritage Association AGM 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2p.m.
- (iv) Yorkshire Real Heritage Pubs – new book produced by David Gamston.
- (v) Civic Voice News Alert – re: street clutter and forthcoming 'Civic Day'.
- (vi) Sheffield Archives 'Off the Shelf Festival'.
- (vii) Peter Cooper, YHACS, written to inform the Society that he is standing down as the Chairman. (Secretary to respond on behalf of the Society, and S.D. to send a personal note).

9. Treasurer's report:

Current a/c £1,089.

Deposit a/c £ 700.

The Treasurer has contacted Blue Fin Insurance and taken out a Micro Charity Policy costing £180-00 p.a. compared to the £200-00 quoted by Civic Voice.

10. RMBC minutes: Nothing to report.

11. Fund raising:

Copies of the recently published booklets will be made available for sale at an RHA meeting and at the Family History Fair in March.

S.D. queried whether a booklet had been produced by the Society on Rotherham's theatres and cinemas, to which the answer was no.

12. Items under review: Nothing to report.

13. Any other business:

- (i) I.H. made reference to a recent TV report that the Barnsley Town Hall is to be converted into an 'Archive Museum' with Heritage Lottery funds.
- (ii) Reference was made to John Healey M.P.'s recent comments on the scrapping of Planning Aid funding and the obvious contradiction with the Government's apparent aims for the 'Big Society'. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to Denis MacShane M.P.

The meeting closed at 8.25p.m.

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2011 AT 19.00 HOURS**

**AGENDA**

1	Apologies	25 minutes
2	Minutes of previous meeting	
3	Matters arising	
4	Organisational review	10 minutes
5	Social committee	
6	Listed buildings and conservation areas	5 minutes
7	Major planning applications	5 minutes
8	Correspondence	20 minutes
9	Treasurer's report	5 minutes
10	RMBC minutes	15 minutes
11	Fund raising	
12	Items under review	15 minutes
13	Any other business	

