

ROTHERHAM DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on Tuesday, 7th June 2011 at 15.45 at the East Dene Social Club.

Present: B. King (Chairman), S. Crowther (Honorary President), P. Hawkrigde (Secretary), B. Fletcher (Treasurer), S. Davies, R. Eddington, I. Hawkrigde, P. Nowill.

1. Apologies: G. Boothman, M. Hoggard, D. Sykes.
2. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd May 2011 were accepted as a true record.
3. Matters arising: The Secretary indicated that there was not a lot happening with much of the Rotherham Renaissance plan now on hold due to the financial situation. The Boston Castle refurbishment is however now progressing.
4. Organisational review: Nothing to report.
5. Social committee: The Secretary has written to Mr Clifford Newbold seeking permission for the executive committee to visit Wentworth Woodhouse. Tentative plans have of course been outlined for a £200m refurbishment and restoration of the property for use as a hotel and museum with business & craft workspaces in the former stables.
6. Listed buildings and conservation areas:
 - (i) The Barn, Chaff Close, Whiston; replacement windows, velux rooflight.
 - (ii) 2-6 Effingham Street; change of use of 2nd floor to use classes A2,B1,D1.
7. Major applications: Planning permission had been granted to RU Estates Ltd in respect of the raising of the land level at the new stadium site in Don Street.
8. Correspondence: A number of Society members had submitted positive comments regarding the website.
9. Treasurer's report:

Current a/c: £1,534.82.
Deposit a/c: £ 700.00.
10. RMBC minutes: The Secretary reported that he was unable to access them on the internet.
11. Fund raising: Two more booklets likely to be published before the end of the year. Firstly Mike Hoggard's booklet concerning former pupils of the Grammar School, and secondly, one on the Wellgate area.
12. Items under review: Nothing to report.

13. Any other business:

- (i) I. Hawkrigde referred to the recent Advertiser article in which Karl Battersby was quoted as saying that the local community now had the right to decide upon future housing numbers to be included in the LDF. He indicated that the previous week Lord Justice Sullivan had ruled in the Court of Appeal that *‘it would be unlawful for a local planning authority preparing, or a planning inspector examining, development plan documents to have regard to the proposal to abolish regional strategies’*. Accordingly the issue was now again in the melting pot and would remain so until Royal Assent is given to the Localism Bill, probably in November. This Bill will enact the regional strategy abolition.
- (ii) B. Fletcher referred to Ken Dunn’s presentation to the AGM earlier in the afternoon, the fact that no speaker’s fee had been requested, and the significant benefits resulting from his work in Africa.
The Executive Committee agreed to make a donation of £50-00 to Ken Dunn’s social enterprise.
- (iii) It was agreed that further discussions should be held on the venue for future meetings – East Dene or Woodlands?

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 5th July 2011 AT 14.00 HOURS AT THE EAST DENE SOCIAL CLUB.

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	

