

ROTHERHAM DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on Tuesday, 18th May 2010 at 8.45 p.m. at Woodlands Club

Present: S. Crowther (President), B. King, P. Hawkridge, S. Davies, R. Eddington, P. Nowill, M. Hoggard, I. Hawkridge.

1. Apologies: G. Boothman, B. Fletcher, D. Sykes.

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th April 2010 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising:

Civic Voice: S. Davies reported on the YHACS AGM on 24th April in York. Skipton C.S. fervently in support of Civic Voice, and is joining both YHACS and Civic Voice. Of the 72 members of YHACS so far 35 have joined Civic Voice. The impression is that the Civic Trust impetus and information was downwards, whilst Civic Voice will rely on an impetus from the bottom up. S. Davies' advice was to wait and see.

4. Organisational review: Nothing to report.

5. Social committee: Nothing to report.

6. Listed buildings and conservation areas: Nothing to report.

7. Major applications:

(i) Reference was made to the letter previously written to Karl Battersby regarding the proposed community stadium on the Guest & Chrimes site. A letter was subsequently received from Simon Chadwick of Signet Planning, acting on behalf of RUFC Ltd, requesting the Society's views on the 'value' of the listed building. The Secretary read out his letter of reply, which was sent on the 4th May, and a letter of response from Signet Planning dated the 11th May.

8. Correspondence:

(i) General information – Muse, Heritage Inspired, Pen & Sword Books.

(ii) English Heritage focussing on 'Places of Worship' this year. (S. Davies also mentioned a forthcoming English Heritage workshop on PPS5).

(iii) J.F. Bingham, the Chairman of the Thomas Rotherham College Corporation wrote on the 12th April 2010 in response to the Society's letter regarding Boston Castle and the observatory proposal. He indicated that the Corporation considered the matter on 29th March and decided not to pursue the proposal at this stage. Reference was made to there no longer being an active interest amongst the students in an observatory, issues regarding the safeguarding of students, and the principal problem of RMBC's unwillingness to consider the

transfer of a neglected football pitch to TRC. This area was apparently fundamental to TRC's original proposals. TRC would revisit the situation if circumstances regarding the football pitch changed.

9. Treasurer's report:

Current a/c £1,021.

Deposit a/c £700.

£200 paid to Aviva Ltd for public liability insurance (in substitution of that previously arranged through the Civic Trust).

10. RMBC minutes:

- (i) Central Station public realm improvements: BWB now retaining a parcel of land for boat moorings.
- (ii) M1 motorway widening: Air Quality Management Area extension.
- (iii) Bar Park, Thorpe Hesley: no progress on transfer from Sheffield C.C.

Planning Regulatory Board:

- (i) 72 Church Street, Greasbrough: redevelopment of industrial building with 6 dwellings approved.
- (ii) Old Coach House, Doncaster Road, Hooton Roberts: listed building consent for alterations to garage and coach house.
- (iii) 10 Lavender Cottage, Front Street, Treeton: retrospective application for proposed fence refused. Conservation Area / St Helens Church the issue.
- (iv) Three Acres, Lamb Lane, Firbeck: retrospective application for conservatory refused on the grounds of adverse effect on front elevation and inappropriate development in the green belt.
- (v) Permission granted for 89 dwellings, Manvers Way, Manvers for Westleigh.
- (vi) Refusal of retrospective application for amendments to previously approved conversion and extension of barn at Hooton Common Farm, Hooton Roberts.

11. Fund raising: Nothing to report.

12. Items under review: Nothing to report.

13. Any other business:

The Committee approved the attendance of the Secretary at a pre-application meeting on the 25th May regarding RCAT's modified Phase 1 redevelopment plans.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 1st JUNE 2010 AT 19.00 HOURS

AGENDA

1	Apologies	
2	Minutes of previous meeting	25 minutes
3	Matters arising	
4	Organisational review	
5	Social committee	10 minutes
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	