

## ROTHERHAM DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

### Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 at 2pm at Talbot Lane Methodist Church

**Present:** B. King (Chairman), S. Crowther (Honorary President), P. Hawkrige (Secretary), B. Fletcher (Treasurer), G.Boothman, S. Davies, R.Eddington, P.Nowill, D.Sykes, I. Hawkrige.

1. Apologies: None.

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising:

- (i) The recent meal at the Wharncliffe was excellent. Rita was thanked for her efforts.
- (ii) No response from the Woodlands Club.
- (iii) Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, Town Hall visit – 12 people booked – Rita taking names.
- (iv) Former Belverdere P.H. – proposed veterinary surgery – alternative plan for a Tesco Express rumoured in the local area.
- (v) Contacted YHACS – Maxime Giboulot had been expected to attend the meeting.

4. Organisational review:

Nothing to report – no new members gained.

5. Social committee:

In addition to the Town Hall visit mentioned above:

- (i) 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 @ 12.15, lunch at the Wharncliffe Restaurant.
- (ii) 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012 @ Talbot Lane, a talk by Pat McGloughlin.
- (iii) August 2012 – church visit.

6. Listed buildings and conservation areas:

Listed building application for demolition of polytunnel, extension to form kitchen, erection of attached glasshouses and entrance canopy at Fosters Garden Centre, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh.

7. Major applications:

The Secretary referred to RMBC's proposal to lease part of Herringthorpe Playing Fields (at the Badsley Moor Lane end) to Rotherham Rugby Club for the development of new training pitches. More information would be sought.

8. Correspondence:

- (i) English Heritage Conservation booklet – ‘Saving the Age of Industry’. Likely to be a big push on the industrial heritage issue. In this regard the Secretary referred to the Magna Trust’s proposal to sell off much of the steelmaking equipment at Templeborough for export to Tata’s works in India. He read out the details of a response he had given to Phil Turner of the Rotherham Advertiser, followed by a letter drafted by IH which it was hoped would appear in a forthcoming edition of the Advertiser. The action taken was endorsed by the Committee. It was suggested that the views of Dr Denis MacShane should be sought, and that attention also needed to be paid to the glass and stove grate industries.
- (ii) SYFAB Annual General Meeting.
- (iii) Charity Commission News Summer 2011 issue now on the Commission’s website – providing guidance aimed at helping smaller charities manage risk.
- (iv) Civic Voice – recent AGM in Sheffield. Civic Societies voted to launch a ‘Fair Planning Campaign for Everyday England’- starting by writing to the local MP’s.
- (v) YHACS, 5<sup>th</sup> November at Beverley, to be addressed by Rt. Hon Eric Pickles.

9. Treasurer’s report:

Current a/c: £1,533.00

Deposit a/c: £ 700.00

£40.00 was raised from the sale of booklets at the recent Heritage Fair.

10. RMBC minutes:

- (i) The LDF Planning Group had reported to the Cabinet in early October, and explained Government changes and made reference to a Bassingthorpe ‘master planning exercise’ including discussions with the landowner, Planning Aid, and Rother Fed. The minute made no reference to the Health & Safety implication of the nearby chemical works.  
Concern was expressed as to why the master planning exercise is taking place now when Green Belt land is not due for release until the end of the 15 year Plan Period.

11. Fund raising:

The ‘Grammar School Old Boys’ booklet will be printed shortly. Comments were made regarding the reaction of the Old Boys Association and the suggestion that some ‘names’ be left out and others included. The Committee were strongly of the view that the booklet was Mike Hoggard’s interpretation and should be left as he intended.

12. Items under review: None.

13. Any other business:

- (i) RMBC staff are to be decanted from Doncaster Gate to Riverside House in December.

**NEXT MEETING Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at 2.15 pm at Talbot Lane.**

## 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	