



Minutes of Branch Committee Meeting:

Tuesday 12th July 2016

At The Fox and Crown, Newark

Attendance: Liz Mayle (Chair), Rose Thompson (Treasurer), Roy Lewis (Branch Rep), Jason Mordan, Ros Worrall, Kelly Appleton, Matthew Crook & Charlotte Stockdale.

Apologies: Fiona Newton, Rob Walker, Stephen Bradwell, Jane Roylance, Becky Waddington, Daniel Windward, Liz Blood & Chris McKinney

Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed

Matters arising

Liz thanked the branch for nominating her to attend the IHBC Annual School in Worcester and said she found it very enjoyable. Liz offered individual mentoring or that she could organise a special event in return. Kelly reported that she was willing to honour the offer of an IHBC member free place on a Building Recording event organised by Heritage Lincolnshire on their new BPT project, even though she was unable to attend the Annual School.

Chairs Report

Liz reported that there have been no changes to the Business Plan and that the Haddonstone event in April had been a great success.

Branch Reps report

This year, there have been meetings of F&R+ (or Council as it used to be known) on the 25 February 2016 (virtual meeting), 7 April 2016 (at the Theatres Trust, London), and the 2 June 2016 (virtual meeting). In addition, there has been a meeting of Council+ held at the Roundhouse in Derby on 3 May 2016.

Particular highlights to note are that a Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed between IHBC and the Chartered Institute for Archaeology (CIfA) and a taster membership of CIfA for IHBC members is now offered (and vice versa). The *Caring for your home* website (<http://ihbconline.co.uk/caring/>) has been launched to supersede the *Stitch in Time* publication. The IHBC now has a presence on the Designing Buildings Wiki (http://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Conservation_wiki). The Institute's financial position is strong, bolstered by an increase in the number of job advertisements. Council+

highlighted a need to raise the Institute's involvement in green issues and so is setting up a Green Issues Panel and a Rural Matters Panel, to be operated by email and online. The Institute is assessing the validity of the Historic England Guidance Note on Listed Buildings and Curtilage.

There have been the following changes in personnel:

New Chair: James Caird

New Chair of Communications and Outreach: Dave Chetwyn

New Chair of Policy: me

New Education Secretary: Bridget Turnbull

Acting Consultation Panel Convenor: Eddie Booth

The 2017 School will be held in Manchester between Thursday 22nd - Saturday 24th June 2017, hosted by North West Branch. The theme will be *Historic Transport Infrastructure: the backbone of civilisation*.

Treasurers report -

The Current account balance stands at - £1039.94cr and Reserve account balance- £190.29cr. We have claimed the £650 from central office and continue to accrue 1p interest a quarter on the reserve account.

Membership report

Roy reported that since April there has been approved for the East Midlands 1 full membership, 0 associate membership, 12 affiliate memberships and 3 resignations.

County Reps reports

Derbyshire – no report

Lincolnshire – LCOG met at Gainsborough in June. The main issues reported were the first application for a certificate of Lawfulness has been applied for in East Lindsey under section 26 of the new ERR procedures, THi officer for the 'Discover Cleethorpes' project has been advertised, an application to demolish the COSALT buildings in Grimsby has been granted but there has been a stay of action due to a legal challenge and there has been a campaign by the Prince's Regeneration Trust to stop this happening, the Transport Hub project in Lincoln has gained approval and the Cathedral Connected project has been awarded funding and will go ahead, and there has been a growing demand on consultation for local Neighbourhood plans and which is putting more demand on HER.

Historic England introduced Neville Doe as Assistant Inspector of Historic Buildings and Areas and reported on the Enriching the List project which will invite the public to help with amending statutory lists and uploading photographs of buildings.

After the meeting the LCOG had a tour of The Edge at Scampton which is a housing development incorporating a high level of environmental sustainability. The site will include above average insulation and thermal mass, rainwater harvesting, integration with landscape and suds, circular paths and cycle routes, solar verandas and gallery above with biomass heating, infra-red panel heating, car charging points, passive ventilation, allotments and electric water heating.

Leicestershire – LARCOF held in Hinckley on 01/06/2016. The meeting discussed CO work around the county, HE's Enhanced Advisory Service, uncertainties regarding curtilage listing, Article 4 directions going on all relevant locally listed assets in the city, progress on city initiative to install heritage interpretation panels, and concerns about the standard of lime

mortar pointing going on in general. This was followed by a site visit to a Cold War bunker at Stoke Golding.

IHBC-accredited conservation skills courses will be running soon as part of the Greyfriars THI (starting in the Autumn - details released soon).

Town Planning & the Historic Environment since the 1960s Conference was attended by over 100 people on 1st-2nd July and was useful opportunity to debate range of themes relating to contemporary and historic planning.

Free walking tour of Dudley Town Centre, the winning scheme in the heritage category from last year's RTPA Awards for Planning Excellence, on Wednesday 5th October. Joint event with RTPA and IHBC – contact: Justin.Webber@leicester.gov.uk if interested in booking a place.

Northamptonshire – no report

Nottinghamshire – NCOF met last week and are running 6 monthly, usually in March and July. They were hosted by Nottingham Trent University at 50 Shakespeare Street where they were given a tour of the building. The university bought this building so that it would not be purchased by a developer and have renovate it into residence for the Vice-Chancellors.

Nottingham Trent University also worked on the restoration of the train station. Late in the project the terracotta corners were found to be structurally unsafe so they were shored up. Work has now started to finish this project.

A Project Manager role for the Carrington Street THI was advertised but no appointment was made. This was the same for the Workshop THI so consultants maybe used for both.

Alice Ullathorn has been made Director of Heritage Strategy and Bassetlaw have a new Conservation Officer, Aimee Dobb. This now means that Bassetlaw has 3 Conservation Officers, Newark 2 ½ Conservation Officers, Simon Brigg at Ashfield is covering 1 day a week and Mansfield are down to 1 Conservation Officer. Elizabeth Campbell is covering Gedling Borough Council.

At NCC the Historic Environment Officer has retired and has yet to be replaced. The role is to be restructured and replaced at a higher grade. HER have moved to using an exegesis platform.

Communications officer

No update

AGM/September event

Liz reported that the September AGM will be on Friday 9th and will consist of the AGM meeting with a workshop by Phillip Gaches. It will be held in Deeping St James and as the LCOG is being held in South Kesteven on the same day it would be useful to try and link the two. The LCOG meeting will be held in the morning and then both LCOG and IHBC branch members will meet for lunch. The timetable for the day was proposed as:

12:30pm – Lunch (IHBC & LCOG)

1:45pm – AGM (IHBC & LCOG)

2:15pm – AGM finish

2:30pm – plastering demonstration and workshop with Phillip Gaches (IHBC & LCOG)

4:30pm – finish

Concern was raised that not everyone in LCOG is an IHBC member and Phillip Gaches can only accommodate 30 people in this workshop. Therefore the plastering demonstration and workshop will be offered to both IHBC members and LCOG but IHBC members will take priority.

Offer of branch volunteer

Charlotte Stockdale attended the meeting and offered to volunteer for the branch. Liz said that the branch would only have paperwork related work and wondered if Charlotte would prefer something more practical such as experience with a Conservation Officer. Since Charlotte was staying near Sleaford Kelly asked if she would like to visit the Heritage Lincolnshire office in Heckington to discuss any voluntary work she might like to undertake with them. Charlotte said she would contact Kelly outside of the meeting to arrange a meeting. It was also suggested that the Conservation Officer for NKDC could be contacted as the DC office is based in Sleaford.

Green Issues and Rural Matters Panel

Roy said that the IHBC are setting up a Green Issues panel and a Rural Matters panel and they are asking for volunteers. There will not be any traveling as all contact will be carried out by email or online. IHBC are looking for a group of enthusiasts rather than experts who are active and keen to get things done. The groups will consist of 12-15 people nationally. If any branch members are interested they should contact Roy roy@roylewis.f9.co.uk

Any other business

It was brought to the attention of the branch that next year sees 50 years of Conservation Area. Stamford in Lincolnshire was the first designated Conservation Area and the branch could organise an event or hold their AGM there. It was asked for this to be put on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss further.

IHBC East Midlands branch meetings are held at the Fox and Crown in Newark but it was suggested that the branch start looking for an alternative location. Enquiries are being made at other possible venues in Newark.

Date of next meeting

Friday 9th September will be the branch AGM in Deeping St James. More details to follow.