

## HISTORIC MONUMENTS COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE 135<sup>th</sup> MEETING HELD IN HILLSBOROUGH COURT HOUSE

ON

WEDNESDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 1.30PM

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#### PRESENT:

Mr Richard Black – Chairman  
Mrs Rosemary Evans  
Mr I Hill  
Mrs H Lanigan Wood  
Mr C Mallon  
Mr J Moore  
Ms A Moreno  
Dr K Muhr  
Dr E McShane  
Mr P Walsh

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr J O’Keeffe, EHS  
Ms R Robinson, EHS  
Mr L McQuillan, EHS  
  
Mr C Francey, Secretariat

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr D Flinn, Dr F McCormick, Mr J O’Neill, Mr B Black, Mr T Canavan and Ms C Foley.

#### 2. CHAIRMAN’S BUSINESS

##### 2.1 Conservation Plan – Derry’s Walls

Mrs Lanigan Wood reported that she had attended a meeting of the steering group set up to consider a conservation plan for Derry’s Walls. The Group is in the process of finalising a draft Plan prepared by A Coey, Architect on behalf of Derry City Council. The current draft Plan includes 48 conservation policies and has 3 separate statements i.e a Management Plan, a gazetteer and Conservation Plan. Mr Walsh informed members that Dublin was currently doing a similar exercise for its heritage.

Council agreed that Mr Deery be asked to make a presentation to members when the Plan is completed.

**ACTION: Give presentation on Plan to Council Mr Deery**

##### 2.2 HMC Report

The Chairman informed members that he and Mrs Evans had discussed a way forward for the first HMC Report. Mrs Evans was in the process of assembling those articles written by members and any other contributions are to be with her by the end of October



**Include as item on agenda of  
next meeting.**

**EHS**

**5. ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING NOT ON MAIN AGENDA**

There were no other matters arising.

**6. PRESENTATION ON AGRI-ENVIRONMENT MEASURES AND  
THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT\_(HM436)**

Ms R Robinson gave a presentation on the role of EHS in the management of all aspects of the historic environment through measures such as agri-environment schemes and cross-compliance. She explained that 80% of the land in Northern Ireland was in agricultural use and that many historic features were to be found on farmland. Ms Robinson highlighted the agri-environment schemes i.e. ESAs and CMS designed by DARD to encourage farmers and landowners to manage their land and protect the environment. DARD consults with EHS on agricultural works which might affect historic monuments and currently EHS deals with 600 consultations per year. EHS in turn gives management advice to farmers on specific monuments and dealt with 1000 monuments in 2005. Agri-environment schemes and their payments to farmers have encouraged farmers to take an interest in and reporting of monuments never previously listed. DARD also takes measures through cross-compliance to protect monuments outside agri-environment schemes and had issued a guide for farmers on cross-compliance and good agricultural and environmental practice.

Ms Robinson highlighted some of the problems in dealing with management measures relating to farmland including erosion of sites, overgrazing and ploughing. Ms Robinson gave examples of monuments to be found on farmland such as tombs, souterrains, standing stones, stone circles, stone alignment, multi-ditched enclosures and parkland restoration.

In discussion, it was noted that in the year 2005, 40% of farmers were engaged in DARD's agri-environment schemes. Payments, however, were not made in line with inflation and allowances therefore tended to be low. Members were also made aware of the condition relating to the width of buffer zones around monuments located on farmland and highlighted the need for farmers to be kept informed of any specific condition which applied to monuments. Ms Robinson advised members that this was part of DARD's standard advice to all participants in their schemes.

Members were concerned that there was a lack of storage space to accommodate the many archaeological artefacts discovered on farmland. Many were recorded but EHS was currently undertaking

a survey to compile a complete record of archaeological sites. Mr O'Keeffe informed members that the survey on county Armagh, Volume 1 is to be published next year with county Fermanagh to follow.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Robinson for a very interesting presentation and asked that it be available on disc for those members who wished to have a copy.

## **7. PROPOSALS FOR SCHEDULING 2006-2007 (HM 434)**

- 7.1** In accordance with the requirement for EHS to consult with Council under Article 3(6) of the Historic Monuments and Archaeological Objects Order (NI) 1995, Mr McQuillan introduced the list of 7 sites proposed for Scheduling in counties Antrim, Down and Londonderry. He gave a power point presentation and commented on the proposals. Dr K Muhr gave members information on the place names relating to the various sites.

Council approved the scheduling of the following sites:

### **CO. ANTRIM**

ANT 4:4	Cregganboy	
	Kinbane Castle	D08794381
ANT 9:3	Bonamargy Friary	D1268 4087

### **CO. DOWN**

DOW 4:1	Knock Motte	J3846 7277
DOW 11:10	Grey Abbey	J5830 6814
	Cistercian Abbey	
DOW 43:85	Carnacavill	J3722 3411
	Maghera Church and	
	Round Tower.	

### **CO. LONDONDERRY**

DHP 70	Artikelly	C6802 2568
	Aghanloo airfield	
	Elements of WW II Defence Heritage	
LDY 31:15	Dungiven	C6920 0826
	Ecclesiastical site, priory manor house	
	and bawn	

Some points were addressed as follows:

## 7.2 Cregganboy, Kinbane Castle

In the case of this site, EHS proposed to include the 19<sup>th</sup> century fishery building in the scheduling but before finalising the scheduled area it would be referring the structure to the University of Ulster, Centre for Coastal Marine Research to assess if it has been included in its maritime survey. Members pointed out that if this is not the case it might be more appropriate to present the fishery as an individual scheduling to Council.

Mr Mallon undertook to send EHS images of this area he had taken from off the coast.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Refer fishery to UU</b>	<b>EHS</b>
	<b>Consider for scheduling</b>	
	<b>as separate structure</b>	<b>EHS</b>
	<b>Send photos to EHS</b>	<b>Mr Mallon</b>

## 7.3 Grey Abbey, Cistercian Abbey

Mr McQuillan highlighted zones A,B,C and D being considered for scheduling in the area of the Abbey. Some further work and investigation on zones C and D needs to be carried out before making a final decision to include them. In the meantime Council endorsed the proposal to schedule zones A and B and if EHS needs to take emergency action to protect zones C and D it could invoke the emergency procedures incorporated in the legislation.

## 7.4 Dungiven

EHS is to consider an extension of the redline around the site to include the disused graveyard and the bullaun stone and rag tree.

It was noted that Road Service has a proposal for a by-pass road which passes near the Priory Lane. When EHS is consulted on this road scheme, Mr O'Keeffe undertook to bring this to the attention of HMC.

## 8. CONSULTATIONS

### 8.1 Research Needs in the Field of Irish Archaeology

The Chairman pointed out the commonality of the issues raised in this Heritage Council consultation paper on archaeological research within both parts of Ireland. Council is to issue a response soon.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Respond to consultation</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
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Members highlighted their concerns about the lack of data on excavations being available to the public. This was frustrating many of those who have an interest in archaeology and because of the lack of any dissemination on excavations the whole system could grind to a halt. The Chairman pointed out that this is why HMC had decided to explore the possibilities for a solution through

its Archaeological Research Group. He commented that this is also a problem for the Republic of Ireland and the Heritage Council was currently addressing the issues.

## **9. JOINT COMMITTEE FOR INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE**

The draft minutes of the JCIH meeting of the 12 September 2006 were tabled.

Mr Moore outlined some of the issues relating to the HMS Caroline and the Mourne Water Supply. He also drew attention to the EHS Step-In time event to be held in Carrickfergus Castle on the 18<sup>th</sup> October. This was an open invitation to all members.

## **10. MEDIA/PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – July/August – (HM435)**

Members noted the media report and thanked Mr Boyle for his work in the preparation of the press cuttings.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **11.1 Dungiven Castle**

It was noted that the 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> century wall of Dungiven Castle was at risk from an adjoining scrap merchants business. Mr O’Keeffe undertook to investigate this and report to Council at its next meeting.

**ACTION: Investigate possible damage to wall Mr O’Keeffe**

### **11.2 Lough Erne Advisory Committee**

Members endorsed the nomination of Mrs H Lanigan Wood as Council’s representative on the Lough Erne Management Committee.

### **11.3 Conference – The Royal Irish Academy Forum**

The Chairman reported that on the 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> September, he attended this conference which looked at Archaeology in Ireland : A vision for the Future. Much of the agenda had similarity to the points being addressed by the HMC Archaeological Research Group. Mr Walsh informed members that many of the management issues dealt with by the Chairman were well received by delegates. He added that arrangements are being made for more cross-border cooperation at Departmental level.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Council will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006.